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WASHINGTON.

DISCUSSION OF THE NEW DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL.

SHALL THE DISTRICT BE LEFT WITHOUT SUFFRAGE OR HAVE A DELEGATE IN CONGRESS—POSSIBLE POWERS OF A DELEGATE, IF ONE BE ADMITTED—SECRETARY BRISTOW'S REPORT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The main points of the bill to be reported by the Joint Committee for the Government of the District of Columbia were printed in THE TIMES several days ago. One feature of the new Government is attracting especial attention among the people of the District. The Committee, it would seem, are not altogether agreed whether the District shall be left entirely without suffrage, or whether it shall be allowed a Delegate in Congress, as under the Government last Winter repealed. Aside from the question of whether the new Government would be better or worse by the entire abolition of suffrage are considerations of what is expedient. It is freely stated among members of Congress who have arrived here that no bill can become law which does not contain in it some principle of representation. All the members who have given the subject impartial consideration can see that the system of politics which has prevailed in Washington must be broken up before any thoroughly good government can be established. But at the same time they feel that to deprive the people of any representation would be inconsistent, and perhaps unjust. If the District is allowed a Delegate in Congress this Delegate may be by law *ex-officio* a member of the several boards, such as the Commission of Education, the Board of Public Works, the Police Commission, &c., and he will thus be able to make statements upon authority whenever he addressed the House. Of course he would not be allowed to vote. As he would have to be prepared to give an account in debate of the operations of the boards with which he was connected, he would of necessity make himself familiar with their proceedings, and the fact that anything wrong in their conduct, if exposed, would make him personally responsible to the House, would lead him to keep a vigilant watch against fraud and irregularities of every description; besides, the fact that the passage of any bill without some concessions to the desire of the people for the right to vote is highly improbable. There are some apparent advantages in allowing the District a Delegate in Congress, which the committee has already considered, but neither the committee nor probably a majority in Congress will concede an elective legislative body for the District with the risk that it may be the theatre of such scenes as were transacted in the District Legislatures during the last two or three years. In no event will there be any attempt to restrict the suffrage by property qualifications, such as some of the taxpayers, so called, are anxious to secure. Such restriction would meet with no favor in Congress.

PROBABLE RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO SPECIE PAYMENTS OF SECRETARY BRISTOW'S REPORT.

It is believed, though there is no direct authority for the assertion, that Secretary Bristow's forthcoming report will be even more pronounced in favor of a return to specie payments than has been anticipated. It is a part of the belief referred to that he will recommend that a day be definitely set by law of Congress when the resumption of specie payments shall take place, and that he is in favor of the 1st of January, 1876, as the day. At any rate, it seems to be understood that he will not content himself with glittering generalities about the benefits to be derived from a specie basis for currency, but will discuss specific methods by which the desired result may be brought about. If this should prove to be true, the Administration will stand thoroughly committed not simply to resist inflation but to aggressive measures to make coin and paper equal in value. This will have an important influence upon the political discussion of the Winter, and some of the more radical of the hard-money men do not doubt that the result will be to some extent the destruction of existing political organizations. The Republican Party by its Administration standing thoroughly committed to specie resumption, the extreme inflationists, who are determined not to yield their views or their actions for the sake of party unity, will have to form an inflation party, or go over to the Democrats, if they can find congenial association there. This step would force the hard-money men among the Democrats, especially those who care more for principle than for party success, to join the Republican Party, which would thus become the party of sound currency, as opposed to the Democracy as the party of inflation.

THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE BROOKLYN POST OFFICE WITH NEW-YORK RECOMMENDED.

Mr. C. F. Baldwin, special agent of the Post Office Department, who was sent to examine some of the Post Offices in New-York State with reference to a reduction of expenses, has made his report. His examination of the Post Office at Albany resulted in a recommendation of a reduction of $9,000 in the expenses, and the estimates will be accordingly amended. He also made an examination of postal affairs in Brooklyn. He recommends that the Brooklyn Post Office be consolidated with New-York. He shows that the service can be much better performed for both cities at the New-York Post Office, and that the saving will amount to at least $31,000 annually. At the present time a large part of the Brooklyn postal business is done in New-York, all the newspapers sending their issues there to be mailed. This part of his report has not yet been acted upon by the department, but the proposition is regarded with considerable favor.

THE SALE OF THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS SAID TO BE REVOKED.

Private dispatches received here state that Col. John W. Forney has revoked his agreement for the sale of the Philadelphia *Press* to Col. McClure, and that he will continue to control the editorial course of the paper. It is understood here that this termination of the sale is brought about by offers of financial support for the *Press* by George W. Childs and other capitalists of Philadelphia. Col. McClure, who will be unhappy till he possesses an independent paper, is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Philadelphia *Age*.

THE SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE TREASURY.

The Special Agents of the Treasury Department seem to be very little in harmony with the organization of the department, and there is now some talk that they will be re-transferred from the control of the Commissioner of Customs to the Secretary's office, where they were managed previous to Mr. Bristow's Secretaryship.

THE SUPPOSED SUCCESSOR OF MR. MULLETT.

It is rumored in the Treasury Department that Mr. Thomas Walsh, Superintendent of the construction of the St. Louis Custom-house and Post Office, will be the successor of Mr. Mullett.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

TRANSIT OF DUTIABLE GOODS ON THE CANADIAN FRONTIER.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to institute a general revision of the modes of transportation of dutiable imports across the Canadian frontier. Some relaxations of the law asked for by the railroads crossing this frontier were admitted in 1872, which have proved injurious in practice and these have been re-called. Several of the special agents have been assigned to duty under the direct orders of the Secretary, in correcting abuses of this transit trade, and particularly the abuses that have grown up in the use of locks and seals. The following are the agents assigned to this duty: V. H. Hines, N. M. Curtis, D. A. Nevin, James W. Davis, H. G. Martin, T. D. Palmer, George H. Fox, William Duncan, and J. W. Risinger.

MEETING OF THE INTEROCEANIC CANAL COMMISSION.

The Interoceanic Canal Commission met here at noon to-day, Gen. Humphreys, Chief of the Engineer Corps of the United States Army; Commodore Ammen, of the navy, and Frank B. Smith, the Secretary, being present. Prof. Pierce, the third member of the commission, did no tarrive in time for the meeting to-day, but is expected to-morrow. The report of Major McFarland, of the Engineer Corps, United States Army, on the Napipi and Nicaragua routes, and a voluminous paper on the subject, prepared by Prof. Nourse, of the Naval Observatory, were received and placed on file. The commission meets again to-morrow.

WHAT GOV. GARLAND IS NOT DOING.

Gov. Garland, of Arkansas, in reply to a telegram from his counsel here, says:

"I am not concentrating troops to defy the President or Congress, as has been charged, nor for any other purpose. I am not concentrating troops at all, there being peace and quiet throughout the State."

THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT OF THE TREASURY.

The Secretary of the Treasury will appoint a Supervising Architect in place of Mr. Mullett this week.

THE MARYLAND UNION LEAGUE AND THE FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

Information has been received here that at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union League of America, in and for Maryland, resolutions were passed attributing the Republican defeat in that State to Federal appointments of obnoxious and distasteful men, "thus ignoring entirely the wishes of all true Republicans." The committee from Maryland to-day called upon the President, Secretary Bristow, and the Postmaster General, presenting the resolutions for the consideration of those gentlemen.

UNITED STATES CURRENCY OUTSTANDING.

The following is a statement of the United States currency outstanding to-day:

Old demand notes	$75,267 50
Legal-tender notes, series of 1874	11,518,759 00
Legal-tender notes, new issue	48,635,789 00
Legal-tender notes, series of 1869	321,845,452 00
One-year notes of 1863	71,885 00
Two-year notes of 1863	22,150 00
Two-year coupon notes of 1863	29,800 00
Compound interest notes	402,510 00
Fractional currency, first issue	4,335,777 45
Fractional currency, second issue	3,146 226 20
Fractional currency, third issue	3,255,669 89
Fractional currency, fourth issue, first series	10,552,301 24
Fractional currency, fourth issue, second series	2,908,380 25
Fractional currency, fourth issue, third series	12,595,923 50
Fractional currency, fifth issue	10,591,429 80
Total	$429,987,310 83

THE CONSCIENCE FUND.

Treasurer Spinner this morning received the following note, inclosing $1:

"Due to the Government, one dollar. Spinner, get ready. The Democrats will come like a storm."

CONSULAR RECOGNITION.

The President has recognized Rafail Lozam Vice Consul of Spain at Portland, Me.

WATERVLEIT ARSENAL.

The Board of Army Officers to determine upon infantry equipments, which organized in June last at Watervleit Arsenal, New-York, having completed its duties, has been dissolved. First Lieut. William B. Weir, of the Ordnance Department, has been relieved from signal duty, and ordered to Watervleit.

NAVY ORDERS.

Lieut. Commander Francis A. Cook is ordered as Executive Officer on board the receiving-ship Sabine at Portsmouth, N. H.; Lieut. W. H. Gerard as Executive Officer of the Canandaigua; Lieut. Commander George E. Wingate is detached from the receiving-ship Sabine and ordered to command the iron-clad steamer Ajax at Pensacola, Fla.; Lieut. Commander G. C. Schulze from the naval rendezvous, New-York, and ordered to command the iron-clad steamer Saugus at Pensacola, Fla.; Master Nelson T. Houston from the Hydrographic Office, and ordered to duty on board the nautical school-ship Jamestown at San Francisco, Cal., per the steamer of the 19th of December next.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

James Guthrie & Co.'s carriage factory, Wilmington, Del., was set on fire Sunday night, and destroyed. The loss is $40,000; insurance $30,000, including $3,000 in New-York and $5,000 in Hartford. The place was set on fire at low tide, when it was difficult for the engines to procure water, as the City Water Works do not extend to the south side of Christiana River.

A fire broke out in the hold of the Norwegian brig Ara, loaded with 265 bales of cotton, lying at her wharf on Market street, Wilmington, N. C., yesterday, and incurred damages to the amount of $17,000, which is insured as follows: Queen, North, British, Hartford, Liverpool, London, and Globe, $10,000 each; Old Dominion and Manhattan, $5,000 each.

Kilgour & Bros.' steam cabinet factory at Beauharnais, Province of Quebec, was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The loss is heavy.

St. John's Episcopal Church, a frame building, about two and a half miles from Simcoe, Ontario, was burned to the ground Sunday night.

A fire in the Adams House, Boston, yesterday afternoon created some excitement, but was soon controlled, with a loss of $3,000.

THE HOG TRADE OF LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 30.—It appears from the market review of the *Courier-Journal* that 190,558 hogs have been marketed here during the month just closed, and 185,748 packed, against 105,000 in November of last year. The market value of the hogs packed during the month was about $3,500,000. The last returns from the principal packing centres of the West show that a larger business has been done in Louisville than at any other city except Chicago, although last season Louisville was ranked by five other points. In addition, about 30,000 hogs have been packed in New-Albany and Jeffersonville.

During the month, 3,913 hogsheads of tobacco have been sold in this market, the proceeds of which aggregate $607,598.

THE CANADIAN LUMBER TRADE.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Nov. 30.—The *Citizen's* lumber report says the amount of white pine timber cut in the Ottawa Valley this year was 947,000 feet, and of red pine 445,000 feet. The calculation for this Winter's cut on the Ottawa is 7,000,000 cubic feet of white pine and 1,500,000 feet of red pine. This shows a reduction of 5,000,000 feet of white pine in two years, and a reduction of 2,000,000 feet of red pine as compared with last season.

THE DEATH OF JUDGE READ.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—The death of Judge Read was announced in the various courts to-day with suitable remarks, and they were all adjourned in respect to the deceased. A general Bar meeting will be held in the Supreme Court-room on Wednesday, for the purpose of uniting in an expression of regard to the memory of the deceased gentleman.

THE CIVIL WAR IN SPAIN.

CAUSES OF THE CARLIST DEFEAT AT IRUN.

BAD GENERALSHIP—DELAY IN ASSAULTING THE TOWN TILL IT WAS TOO LATE—GEN. LOMA'S ADVANCE AND THE COWARDLY RETREAT OF GEN. CEBALLOS—THE SUFFERINGS OF THE BURNED-OUT PEASANTRY.

From Our Special Correspondent.

HENDAYE, Monday, Nov. 16, 1874.

Two reasons, and two only, can be assigned as the cause of the severe defeat which the Carlists have just suffered at Irun, San Marco, and Oyarzun. Any one who is in possession of the entire facts in connection with the movements of the Carlist forces bombarding Irun, and also of the Republican garrison in the beseiged town, cannot, for one moment, doubt that, had an assault been made by the Carlists at any moment after the first two days of the bombardment, they would have taken the place without difficulty. Why was it that this assault was not made in downright earnest? Having been almost daily with the Carlist troops during the siege, I can positively assert that there was not the slightest sign of anything like cowardice among the rank and file, and, this being the case, there is but one other inference to account for the stupidity—it was nothing short of it—namely, bad generalship. The General in command was Alimany, who was conducting the attack in the absence of Gen. Elio at Vera, in attendance upon the "King." It is possible that Alimany feared that if he attacked too soon he might be running a great risk of a repulse. Hour after hour, therefore, was lost in the hopes that the breaches in the walls of the town would be rendered still larger and more available for the passage of the assaulting party. The firing being very heavy, there was good reason to believe that this would be the result. And yet twenty-four hours before the intended assault, some particulars of which I gave in one of my letters written while the bombardment continued, the Carlists had succeeded in effecting an entrance into the houses surrounding the church, and had they attacked the town at the point of the bayonet, backed up by the 12,000 men they had at that time in the neighborhood of the heights of St. Marcial, there is but little doubt that Irun would have immediately surrendered. From what I could gather in Republican circles, the prevailing impression was that the town must eventually be given up and a retreat made upon Fontarabia, which is well fortified. It seems unaccountable that no attempt was made by the Carlists to take either of the two Republican forts. They succeeded in knocking Fort Parque to pieces with their guns, and yet, although they were within five hundred yards of it, they did not try to take possession. The Carlist artillery from Battery No. 1 was playing with such precision upon Fort Mendivil that it is in a very shattered condition. So destructive were the shells at this point that Col. Arana, the commandant of Irun—who, by the way, remained in the bombarded town with his wife and family during the siege as an example to his soldiers—retained a force of one company only at Fort Mendivil, as unless there were signs of an assault upon it being made by the attacking forces he did not wish to expose more of his men to danger. A bold movement against this fort would probably have silenced it, and placed it in the possession of the Carlists.

It was only upon the arrival of Gen. Elio at the scene of operations that the real advantages which the Carlists had in their favor for making a successful assault seem to have been perceived by them, and arrangements were made for immediately taking a step which should have been taken forty-eight hours previously. Just at this moment, however, the news reached the Carlist army that Gen. Loma was advancing by forced marches to attack them in the rear. It was stated that Gen. Loma had landed 12,000 men at Passage, near St. Sebastian, and that a few hours only would intervene before his arrival upon the scene of the bombardment. Under these circumstances Gen. Elio decided to defer the assault upon Irun, and go out to meet the advance of Loma. I have already mentioned in one of my late letters that the sites of the lower batteries at this time were being changed for the purpose of attacking the town from a different position. Orders were now given to remove the guns from the lower batteries, and bring them up to St. Marcial. The bombardment however, was still continued from the Carlist battery on St. Marcial. In spite of the statement which has appeared in most of the European journals, that the siege was virtually raised directly the news reached the Carlists that Loma was advancing, I can positively assert that this was not the case. Although the firing was continued by one battery only from Saturday, the 7th inst., until the night of the Tuesday following, yet the other guns were all in readiness at the rear of this battery, and had the Carlists succeeded in defeating Loma at San Marco they would once more have been placed in position at the lower batteries. As it was, the siege was not actually raised until the night of Tuesday, (10th,) when the news arrived that the heights of San Marco were in possession of the Republican forces. Then it was that the battery on St. Marcial was abandoned and the whole of the guns retreated to Vera.

A few words about the cause of the Carlist defeat by Loma. There were not more than six battalions of Carlists opposed against Loma's advance, but the position held by them on the heights of San Marco was considered—and justly so—by many of their officers to be almost inaccessible from the point at which Loma was compelled to attack. On the morning of the 10th inst., when the battle of San Marco commenced, Loma's men made several attempts to take this position, but each time they were repulsed with heavy loss. Loma, whose character as an able General is well known, was, of course, equally aware with the Carlists themselves that San Marco forms the stepping-stone to the valley along which runs the road to Irun. Finding that he could not drive out the Carlists, he made an advance along the road toward Tolosa, with the intention of storming the heights from that direction. The movement was a bold as well as a dangerous one, but it was the turning point of the battle. By advancing along this road Loma placed himself in a complete *cul de sac*, and had the centre of the Carlist line pushed forward from Oyarzun, they could have cut off Loma's right flank with but little difficulty. This movement, however, was not taken advantage of, for Ceballos, thinking that he was going to be attacked in the rear, and knowing that the Republicans far outnumbered his own forces, withdrew his men from San Marco, and, making a detour through the mountains round the Republican fortress of Hernana, retreated to Tolosa. From this moment it was all up with the Carlists. Loma at once took advantage of the opportunity and gained the heights of San Marco.

The next day the Carlists retreated from Oyarzun, and gave up possession of the whole country in the Province of Guipuzcoa, comprised within a triangle made by an imaginary line from Enderlasse to the south of Hernana in the direction of St. Sebastian, the River Bidassoa, and the sea coast.

The conduct of Ceballos is looked upon by the Carlists as sheer cowardice, although it is argued that he retreated toward Tolosa partly under the impression that Loma was advancing upon that place, which is one of the Carlists' principal strongholds, and the road to which, until taken up by Ceballos, was left open to Loma, had he chosen to advance. It is said that Ceballos has been shot for retreating as he did, but I place no reliance upon the report until I have better evidence than mere rumor. Other reports say that he has escaped to France.

By the above remarks it will be seen that two gross errors have been committed by the Carlist generals. The first was in delaying the assault upon Irun, which was the fault of Gen. Alimany; and the second mistake rests upon the shoulders of Gen. Ceballos in vacating his position upon the heights of San Marco.

The horrors of civil war can well be imagined, but it is not until one is brought face to face with them that their full extent is realized. Immediately after the retreat from Oyarzun, the weather, which up to this time was just the winding up of a beautiful Summer, suddenly changed, and the next day snow covered the mountains to the depth of several inches, and a biting north-easterly wind has been blowing ever since. The change is felt the more because it has been so sudden. If it is not freezing at the time of writing it must be very near it, and, there being no fireplace in my little room facing the Bidassoa and Fontarabia, I find considerable difficulty in holding my pen. What must the poor houseless wretches be suffering in those magnificent but piercingly cold mountains facing me? Within a square of country between here and St. Sebastian on the right; thence to San Marco, and from the last-named place to Enderlasse, on the left, at least a thousand farm and other houses have been burned by the Republicans. Taking the lowest estimate, 3,000 men, women, and children are without a roof over their heads, and are either depending upon the charity of others, or are sleeping in the mountains. I cannot use too strong language in condemning the action which has been taken by Madrid papers, who have stated that the Carlists set fire to the houses as they retreated. Many European papers are giving credit to these assertions, which are as false as they are ridiculous, and have either been made with the intention of damaging the Carlist cause, or have been based simply upon the rumors which are always current in time of war. I can state positively that I saw more than a hundred houses set fire to by the Republicans in a manner so systematic as to place it beyond a doubt that the instructions from the Generals in command were to burn every house as they advanced. The sight of the sufferings of these poor homeless women and children was perfectly sickening.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—1 A. M.—The barometer has risen and is decidedly high in the district on the Atlantic Coast, where generally clear weather and low temperature continue Generally cloudy weather and light snow, with southerly winds and less pressure, are reported from the lake region and the North-west. The temperature continues low in the Southern States, with clear or fair weather and easterly or southerly winds. The barometer has fallen, and is lowest in the North-west.

The rivers have fallen at Davenport, Nashville, and Marietta, and have risen at Cairo, Memphis, Pittsburg, Louisville, Freeport, and New-Geneva.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, clear or fair weather, easterly or southerly winds, slowly rising temperature, and stationary or falling barometer.

For New-England and the Middle States, generally clear weather, west winds, backing to southerly, with no decided rise in temperature and slowly falling barometer.

For the lake region and the North-west generally, cloudy weather, except in the Missouri Valley, and light snow, with southerly or westerly winds, low but rather rising temperature, and falling barometer.

For the canal region of New-York and Pennsylvania the temperature will continue below freezing during Tuesday and Tuesday night.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the last twenty-four hours, as recorded at Hudnut's drug store:

	1873.	1874.		1873.	1874.
3 A. M.	27°	28°	3 P. M.	32°	28°
6 A. M.	27°	25°	6 P. M.	31°	26°
9 A. M.	26°	25°	9 P. M.	30°	25°
12 M.	33°	29°	12 P. M.	27°	24°

Average yesterday.....26½°

Average corresponding date last year.....29⅛

FALL OF A RAILROAD BRIDGE UNDER TWO TRAINS—REMARKABLE ESCAPE OF PASSENGERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30.—As two passenger trains were crossing the small iron bridge spanning Lake Roland, on the Northern Central Railway, six miles from Baltimore, this afternoon, the bridge gave way under their weight, breaking at each end, and the whole structure falling into the water. The momentum of the locomotives carried them safely over, but the tenders, two baggage cars, and the passenger cars fell into the lake. The passenger cars were crowded with people, whose shrieks were heard at the station, several hundred yards distant. The scene was most remarkable. The baggage cars fell straight down upon their trucks, and the passenger cars stood upon one end, resting against the baggage cars and the abutments of the bridge. The passengers hurried out of the cars that had not reached the bridge, and commenced to rescue the unfortunates who were struggling to escape from the water that half filled the fallen cars. All were gotten out safe except Apton Young, who was in the baggage car, and was crushed to death by freight piling on him. George Wesner was badly crushed, and will die. Four or six others were injured, but none seriously. The escape from many deaths was marvelous.

CLOSING LAKE AND RIVER NAVIGATION.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 30.—Ice commenced running in the river to-day. The steamers Colorado and Russia, bound up, were delayed at Malden on account of low water. The schooner L. Ellsworth lost an anchor at St. Helena yesterday, and a sailor named Barney Henson fell overboard and was drowned.

BOBCAYGEO, Ont., Nov. 30.—Over one foot of snow has fallen here since Saturday. The lake is now completely covered with ice. The lumbering operations in this section are fully equal to those of last year.

CHATHAM, Ont., Nov. 30.—A keen frost last night formed ice in the river, and stopped navigation in this section. Several vessels bound for this port are detained at the mouth of the river by ice.

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 30.—The steamer Rochester made her last trip up the Bay of Quinte for this season on Saturday.

OWEN SOUND, Ontario, Nov. 30.—Navigation has about closed at this port, the last vessel expected having arrived. A number of steamers and sailing vessels are in Winter quarters.

COLLINGWOOD, Ontario, Nov. 30.—A heavy gale set in yesterday morning, and continued until this forenoon.

Navigation at this point may be considered closed, the last vessel having arrived.

THE STURGIS GRAIN CORNER IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 30.—A. N. Sturgis, whose recent trial before the Board of Trade for unmercantile conduct created so much excitement in local commercial circles, has arranged with his creditors to pay them in full within sixty days, and to-day the suits brought against him and the Cook County National Bank were withdrawn.

THE WEST GORHAM SHOOTING AFFAIR.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 30.—The West Gorham shooting affair was not so fatal as at first reported. [illegible] was seriously wounded with buckshot, but no one was killed.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE OPENING—THE COUNT OF CHAMBORD TO HIS SUPPORTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—Political parties have been busily preparing for the opening of the Assembly. Numerous caucuses have been held, and negotiations are going on between the various sections of the Assembly. What combinations have been made it is impossible as yet to determine. The many rumors in circulation render the situation indefinite. The fractions of the Right appear to be unable to combine. Seventy deputies of the Extreme Right have resolved to vote against the constitutional bills.

The Count De Chambord has written a letter to his supporters in the Assembly, in which he says:

"Confiding to the zeal of my friends to do everything to further the interests of the country and the cause of royalty, I will offer no advice. But the true Royalist must do nothing tending to delay the restoration of the monarchy."

This letter has been communicated to the members of the Moderate Right, who intended to vote for the constitutional bills, and may shake their purpose.

The passage of a constituent measure now depends on the attitude of the Right Centre. The Left is firmly united, and will bring no motion forward which might cause the differing sections of the Right to draw together again.

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY AT VERSAILLES—ARMY BILLS INTRODUCED.

VERSAILLES, Nov. 30.—The Assembly met this afternoon and held a very brief sitting. The attendance was light, and nothing of importance occurred. M. Thiers was present, and conversed with Gen. Cissey.

Five bills, relating to the organization of the army *cadres* and staff, were submitted by the Minister of War, and referred to the Committee on the Army.

SPAIN.

REPORTED ABANDONMENT OF THE CARLIST CAUSE BY PROMINENT LEADERS.

MADRID, Nov. 30.—It is officially announced that Gen. Saballs, the Marquis De Villadarco, and other prominent persons, have abandoned the cause of Don Carlos.

HEAVY WEATHER ON THE SPANISH COAST.

SANTANDER, Nov. 30.—The weather continues very stormy on this coast, and a heavy gale is blowing. A ship has sunk in the harbor, and several other vessels with signals of distress flying, are outside.

FRANCE.

FURTHER REPUBLICAN SUCCESSES IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—Later details of the municipal elections here yesterday, and returns from towns where second ballots were necessary, in consequence of failure to elect on the 22d inst., show further Republican successes.

GREAT BRITAIN.

INJURY TO THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Duke of Connaught was hurt to-day by a fall from his horse while he was riding out.

MEDALS FOR THE ASHANTEE CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Nov. 30—The seamen and marines who specially distinguished themselves in the Ashantee campaign are to be presented with medals by the Queen at Windsor on Thursday next.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

INTERESTING DEBATE IN THE REICHSTAG ON THE ALSACE AND LORRAINE LOAN BILL—PLAIN SPEECH FROM BISMARCK.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—In the Reichstag to-day the Alsace-Lorraine Loan bill was taken up, and gave rise to a most interesting debate.

The Deputies from Alsace and Lorraine took occasion in the course of the discussion, to declare that they were opposed to the high endowment of the University of Strasburg, and to other educational grants for the Provinces, because they were made in the interest of the Empire and not of the provinces themselves.

This called out Prince Bismarck, who replied as follows:

"The question before us concerns imperial interests. It is not a question of Alsace and Lorraine. The university is for imperial purposes. In a well-fought war, in which we defended our existence, we conquered those provinces for the Empire. It was not for Alsace and Lorraine our soldiers shed their blood. We take our stand upon imperial interests, for which, and not for the sake of their own ecclesiastical interests, we annexed those provinces. We have other grounds for action than those people whose past leads to Paris and whose present leads to Rome.

My own views respecting the creation of an Alsace and Lorraine Parliament, which at first were too sanguine, have been modified since I became acquainted with the attitude of the Deputies from those provinces. Such a Parliament would lead to continual agitation, and, perhaps, might endanger the peace of the Empire. We shall doubtless be obliged to take still more rigorous steps in regard to school matters there. We cannot permit the existence of elements which strive to hinder education. My action is guided by imperial interests. I shall not be frightened from my course by reproaches, threats, or persuasion. Before advance is possible, we must be convinced of the existence of trustworthy elements. We may expect a better discernment in the rising generation, and must, therefore, see that good schools are provided for Alsace and Lorraine."

At the conclusion of the debate, the Loan bill was referred to a committee.

GERMANY.

COUNT VON ARNIM'S COUNSEL.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—Count Von Arnim has engaged Dr. Dockhorn as additional counsel at his approaching trial.

THE BERNE POSTAL CONVENTION IN THE REICHSTAG—SENTENCE OF A CONTUMACIOUS EDITOR.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—The bill to carry into effect the provisions of the Berne Postal Convention passed its third reading in the Reichstag to-day.

Herr Sigl, editor of the *Vaterland*, has been sentenced *in contumaciam* to ten months' imprisonment for asserting that Kullmann's attempt on the life of Prince Bismarck was a sham plot concocted by the police.

ITALY.

THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLY OF TOBACCO.

ROME, Nov. 30.—No bids for the supply of tobacco to the Government will be asked for this fiscal year. The tobacco administration gives notice that it has amassed sufficient stock for 1875.

BRAZIL.

THE ANTIPATHY TO FOREIGNERS AT PARA—A DEMONSTRATION AT PARAHIBA—AN INCENDIARY JOURNAL TO BE PROSECUTED.

PARA, Nov. 29.—The *Tribuna* (newspaper of this city) continues to publish violent articles against foreigners generally, and particularly against the officers of the Portuguese corvette Sagres.

The people of the City of Parahiba have risen against the foreigners there. The Government has sent 2,000 troops to suppress the demonstration.

LISBON, Nov. 30.—The Brazilian Government has informed that of Portugal that the newspaper *Tribuna*, of Para, will be prosecuted for its hostile attitude toward Portuguese subjects.

THE FIJI ISLANDS.

DENIAL OF THE REPORTED REVOLT.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The report brought to San Francisco last week by the steam-ship McGregor of revolts in the Fiji Islands is unfounded. Advices received here from those islands represent everything as progressing favorably.

MARINE DISASTERS.

VESSELS DAMAGED AND ABANDONED IN RECENT GALES.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The American ship Great Admiral, from Liverpool for San Francisco, has been towed into Holyhead damaged.

The Lion, from Bremerhaven for New-Orleans, was abandoned. Her crew has arrived at Harwich.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The internal revenue receipts yesterday were $511,684.

Mr. Roy, Mayor of Levis, a village opposite Quebec, died last evening.

The annual disbandment of the Water Police of Montreal took place yesterday.

A heavy gale prevailed at Halifax, N. S., on Sunday night, but no damage was done.

St. Andrew's Day was celebrated in the usual manner by St. Andrew's Society of Montreal.

George Rabor, said to be one hundred and thirteen years of age, died at Stroudsburg, Penn., on Saturday last.

The Scots Thistle Society and the St. Andrew's Society, of Philadelphia, held their annual banquets last night.

There is no authority, says a Philadelphia dispatch, for the rumor that a reduction of the force in the Philadelphia Custom-house is contemplated.

Over 100 legal firms of Boston jointly remonstrate against what they consider the unnecessary expenditure of public funds for a new court-house.

The Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart in Augusta, Ga., was dedicated on Sunday with imposing ceremonies. Bishop Gross preached the dedication sermon.

Information was received at the Navy Department, yesterday, that the United States steamer Wachusett sailed from Key West on the 23d inst., for Norfolk.

Ice formed Sunday night between and for a considerable distance beyond the piers in the harbor at Montreal. Detached masses yesterday morning floated down the current.

The funeral of Robert G. Perry, a publisher of Boston, who died on Thursday, has been postponed to await an inquest, as it is supposed he was poisoned by a person now under arrest.

The Milwaukee creditors of Oliver Dalrymple, the largest wheat farmer in Wisconsin, have filed a petition asking that he be declared bankrupt. His indebtedness to them is stated to be $26,000.

St. Andrew's Day was celebrated by the North British Society in Halifax, N. S., yesterday, by attending service in St. Andrew's Church, and by a supper at the Halifax Hotel in the evening.

A burglar was arrested at Forest, Ont., Sunday night who had the previous night robbed a jewelry store in Park Hill of $2,000 worth of jewelry. Over $1,000 worth of the jewelry was found on his person.

About a foot of snow fell at Port Colborne, Ont., Saturday night. The wind on Sunday was from the west, fresh and cold. The canal was frozen over Sunday night, but the ice is not sufficiently strong to stop navigation.

A dispatch from Belfast, Me., states that Nathaniel G. Hichborn, a prominent ship-builder, and President of the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad, died in Stockton yesterday. He had held the office of State Treasurer and other public positions. He was fifty-five years of age.

G. B. Weaver, late Captain of the schooner C. S. Graves, has been arrested by the United States Commissioner at Wilmington, N. C., on an affidavit made by Wilson, steward of the Graves, charging him with willful abandonment of his vessel at sea, and has been committed for trial.

INDIGNATION MEETING IN EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 30.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Edgefield, S. C., to-day, at which indignation was expressed at the base charges against the white people, and arbitrary arrests of citizens. The speakers, among whom was Gen. M. C. Butler, said the charges of outrages in Edgefield County were utterly false and without foundation, showing that more intimidation had been practiced by the colored than by the white people. A committee was appointed to report at a meeting to be held next Monday, with instructions to obtain some facts in regard to the intimidation on election day by the Radical Party, and other matters.

BARKS ASHORE IN SAN FRANCISCO HARBOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The bark Windward, from Rio, Janeiro, consigned to Morgan's Sons & Co., and the bark Cordova, from Montevideo, consigned to Rogers, Meyer & Co., ran ashore in a strong ebb tide while rounding the Sand Spit of Fort Stevens. The Windward is reported settling in the sand and leaking. As it was high tide, it is supposed they cannot be got off until the next spring tide. The steam-tugs Astoria and Brennar are working at them with a chance of clearing the Cordova.

FROZEN TO DEATH ON LAKE ERIE.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 30.—The scow Pearl, of Fairport, loaded with lumber, came ashore at Geneva, Ohio, this morning. On board was found the body of a man, supposed to be J. Graham, of Fairport, and the body of a boy, about fourteen years of age, both evidently frozen to death, the bodies being completely covered with ice. The boy was lashed to the rigging. The scow is a total wreck, and has the appearance of having been run into. Nothing was found on board to indicate where the scow was from, or where bound.

HEAVY ROBBERIES IN ALBANY.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The silverware factory of S. B. Brower & Son, on Plain street, was robbed early this morning of silverware worth between $5,000 and $10,000; and L. G. Burgess' jewelry factory, in the same building, was robbed of goods to the value of $5,000. The store of James Maxwell, Sr., was robbed on Saturday night of hardware to the value of $500. A reward of $1,000 is offered for the detection of the thieves.

SUFFOCATED IN A COAL-MINE.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Nov. 30.—James Megga, a mining boss for a colliery at Girardville, was found dead inside the mine this morning. It is supposed he was overcome by foul gas and suffocated.

DEATH OF THE MAYOR.

HE DIES IN HIS OFFICE, OF APOPLEXY.

ACTION OF THE COURTS, COMMISSIONS, AND DEPARTMENTS—TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY.

Mayor Havemeyer died at noon yesterday, in the City Hall, struck down suddenly by apoplexy. He had been severely chilled by exposure during a long walk on his way to the office, and the severity of the shock, with the unusual exertion, was more than so aged a man could sustain. After reaching his room he sat down, tried vainly to shake off the insensibility which was coming on him, and, struggling a few painful moments, died. He was the first Mayor of New-York who died in office. The news was speedily known through the City, and produced that deep impression which is always felt in the presence of sudden and unexpected death. In the Supreme Court, where the trial of the libel suit between the Mayor and John Kelly was progressing, the announcement brought all proceedings to a standstill—counsel, Judge, and jury were dumb with amazement; in the other courts adjournments were made on receipt of the sad intelligence. Both Boards of Aldermen immediately convened and appointed committees, to take whatever action might be necessary; Alderman Vance, who by law succeeds to the vacant office, was summoned to the City Hall and sworn in as Mayor; the various City officials and heads of departments were notified, and most of them were speedily gathered at the scene of death; the members of the family of the deceased gentleman were also summoned; and while the body was removed to the private residence in Fourteenth street, the flags on the City Hall were hoisted to half-mast and preparations made for draping the public buildings in mourning. Below will be found in detail the circumstances attending the Mayor's sudden taking off, as well as reports of the action of the different departments and the courts consequent thereon.

MAYOR HAVEMEYER'S LAST HOURS.

Mr. Havemeyer visited his friend, Ex-Police Commissioner Oliver Charlick, on Sunday, and passed the day and night at his residence on Long Island. Yesterday morning he started to return to this City. The train upon which he was to have taken passage met with

been foreman of a sugar refinery. He was of very economical habits, and soon saved a little money, with which he started a sugar refinery in Vandam street, which proved a most successful speculation. At the age of fifteen, his son William, the late Mayor, entered Columbia College, where he graduated four years afterward. He subsequently studied law for some time, but finally relinquished that profession and entered the office of his father, in Vandam street, to learn the sugar-refining business. At first he was kept to the routine work of the office, but in a few years he learned all the details of the business, and his father left the practical management of the concern to him. He continued in the sugar trade for fourteen years, up to 1842, when he retired from business, having at that early age acquired a large fortune. The place in Vandam street was closed for a few years, but it was reopened in 1849 by his brother Albert, his cousin Diedrich Havemeyer, and William Moller. After having retired from business in 1842, he became a prominent politician, and in 1844 he was elected one of the Presidential Electors of this State by the Democratic Party, whose candidate was James K. Polk. The following year he was nominated by the same party for Mayor of this City, and was elected by a plurality of 6,711 over James Harper, the votes having been 24,183 for Havemeyer and 17,472 for Harper, a third candidate—Dudley Selden—receiving 7,069. During that year he made some practical suggestions relative to the emigration question, and the institution on Ward's Island was planned to a great extent on the hints which he then threw out. He was named one of the Emigration Commissioners, a body created that year, and was elected President of the board, which office he held for three years. In 1848 he was again elected Mayor, after a close and severe contest with Mr. William V. Brady, the vote being 23,155 for Havemeyer to 22,227 for his opponent. In 1848 and 1845 the period of office was only one year, instead of two as at present. In 1851 he was elected President of the Bank of North America, which office he held for a period of ten years. In 1859 Tammany Hall, for the third time, put him forward as their candidate for the Mayoralty, his opponents being Fernando Wood, who was nominated by Mozart Hall, and Mr. George Opdyke, the Republican nominee. On this occasion, however, he was defeated by 3,000 votes, the poll having stood: Wood, 29,940; Havemeyer, 26,913; and Opdyke, 21,417. He was a Director of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and had a very large interest in that concern. The late Mayor married, about forty years ago, a Miss Craik, daughter of a then Customhouse officer, whose family held and still holds a respectable position in mercantile circles. By this marriage he had five sons and two daughters, all living. Four of the sons are engaged in the sugar-refining business, namely, John, Hector Henry, and James, and the fifth son, William, who recently married, is a tea merchant. One of his daughters is married to Mr. H. Armstrong, butter merchant, and the other to Mr. McClav, a civil engineer, at present employed in the Department of Parks. From 1861 to 1871 Mr. Havemeyer had no connection with public affairs, but in the Fall of the latter year he took part in the famous Cooper Institute meetings, and was made President of the Committee of Seventy. Since that period his career is too well known to the public to need any reference here. His wife survives him.

A PREMONITION.

A few days ago a representative of THE TIMES had a conversation with the late Mayor in relation to the sudden death of James Kelly, the School Inspector. Mr. Kelly had been for forty years an intimate friend of the Mayor, visiting him daily during the first year of his present term as the City's Chief Magistrate. "I was sorry to hear of the death of Kelly," said the Mayor, musingly. "He died while waiting for his dinner. It was very sudden. When I heard of it I told my wife that I, too, might be cut off—although I am strong and healthy now. I have seen so much that I am prepared for almost anything."

THE BODY AT THE HOUSE.

Shortly after the remains of the late Mayor were removed from the City Hall, they were placed in one of the rear parlors in his house on Fourteenth street. The relatives and friends of the deceased soon began to call and view the body as it lay in a temporary coffin imbedded in ice. Among those who visited the house of mourning were Hector C. Armstrong and Lieut. McClay, the sons-in-law of Mr. Havemeyer; also Controller Green, Chamberlain Lane, Tax Commissioner Wheeler, Mr. Vance, the new Mayor, Commissioner Laimbeer, Alderman Van Schaick, and others.

THE REMAINS NOT TO LIE IN STATE.

The subcommittee, consisting of Aldermen Van Schaick and Morris and Assistant Alderman Wade, appointed to make preliminary preparations for the obsequies, waited upon the family to ascertain their views. Mr. Van Schaick said the joint committee of the Common Council desired to ascertain if the relatives would consent to have the body lie in state in the Governor's Room, but the members of the family said that the late Mayor disliked ostentation, and they did not desire to have his remains returned to the City Hall. They therefore offered final by the subcommittee, and they reported the result of their labors to the joint committee last night, at the house of Alderman Van Schaick. The committee will meet at noon to-day, to draft resolutions and make preparations for the special session of both branches of the Common Council, which will take place an hour later. The funeral will not take place before Friday next.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES

over the remains of the Mayor will probably take place either at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, on Fourth avenue, or at his late residence. He used to worship at the Seventh Avenue Methodist Church. The pall-bearers have not yet been named.

ACTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

When the death of Mayor Havemeyer was first announced there were only a few Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen in their respective committee rooms, but the news spread so rapidly that nearly all the City Fathers rushed to the hall to ascertain if it was true. One hour after the tragic event there were members enough present to constitute a quorum of both boards. Preliminary conferences were then held, and each resulted in a call for an immediate meeting of both branches of the Common Council.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

This board was the first to hold a special session to take appropriate action on the Mayor's death. In the absence of President Vance, Alderman Richard Flanagan was called to the chair. The clerk was about to read the minutes, when Alderman McCafferty had them laid over so as to enable the board to pay an immediate tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, and pass resolutions of condolence.

Alderman Van Schaick offered the following:

In view of the sudden death of Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor of this city, be it

Resolved, That a General Special Committee of Five from each branch of the Common Council be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the obsequies.

The resolution was adopted, and the following committee was appointed by the chair: Messrs. Van Schaick, Morris, Monheimer, Reilly, and Billings.

Alderman McCafferty then moved the following which was also adopted:

Resolved, That both branches of the Common Council will meet in joint session in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, on Tuesday, the 1st prox., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed best calculated to manifest sorrow for the death and respect for the memory of Hon. William F. Havemeyer, late Mayor of this City.

Resolutions of like tenor were received from the Assistant Aldermen and concurred in, after which the board adjourned.

THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen met at 2:30 P. M. Mr. Strack, the President, on taking the chair, made official announcement of the death of Mayor Havemeyer, and expressed the hope that immediate action would be taken to give expression to the regret of the board at the sudden demise of the Chief Magistrate, and to make preparations to attend his funeral.

Assistant Alderman Clancy then moved that a special committee of five be appointed to draft resolutions of condolence and make arrangements for the obsequies. The resolution was passed, and the following were named as the committee: Messrs. Clancy, Brucks, Healy, Coddington, and Wade.

Assistant Alderman Healy offered a resolution which was adopted, providing for a joint session of both branches of the Common Council at 1 P. M. to-day to take such action as may be necessary in relation the obsequies of the late Mayor.

The board then adjourned.

MEETING OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Committees appointed by both boards met in Clerk Finckney's office at 4 o'clock. After organizing, with Alderman Van Schaick as Chairman, a resolution was adopted requesting the Commissioners of Public Works to have the City Hall draped in mourning, and the flags kept at half-mast until after the funeral. Aldermen Morris and Assistant Alderman Wade were then appointed a subcommittee to consult the family of the Mayor before making preparations for the funeral, with instructions to make a preliminary report to the Chairman, Alderman Van Schaick, at his house.

ALDERMAN VANCE SWORN IN AS MAYOR.

In accordance with the provisions of the charter, the President of the Board of Aldermen Hon. S. B. H. Vance will succeed the late Mayor Havemeyer for the unexpired term. Mr. Vance called at the City Hall immediately after the tragic event, and subsequently proceeded to the chambers of the Supreme Court, where he was sworn into the office of Mayor by Judge Davis. The following is a copy of the oath administered to the new Chief Magistrate:

I, Samuel B. H. Vance, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New-York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of New-York, according to the best of my ability. SAMUEL B. H. VANCE.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of November, 1874. NOAH DAVIS, Justice of the Supreme Court.

A certified copy of the oath was subsequently filed in the Mayor's office by Mr. Wendell, the chief clerk. Immediately after the removal of the body, Mayor Vance took formal possession of the office, and sent the following message to the Boards of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen:

To the Honorable the Common Council:

It is my painful duty to announce to you the death of Hon. William F. Havemeyer, the Mayor of this City, at fifteen minutes past 12 this afternoon.

While engaged in the discharge of his public duties he was suddenly removed from our midst. It was his proud distinction to have been elected by his fellow-citizens for three different terms to the chair of the Chief Magistrate of this City. No citizen ever filled that chair with a more sincere desire to advance the public welfare. He had no thought nor desire but to carry into effect what appeared to him to promote the best interests of this community.

His last administration of the Government was during a transition period—turbulent and embarrassing. His services during this period will long be remembered with gratitude. A native of this City, his long life has been identified with its material prosperity. To you I recommend such action as will mark the public appreciation of our departed chief.

Respectfully, SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, Mayor.

This message was not sent during the session of the Common Council, but will be formally received and acted on to-day.

ACTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Emigration will be held at 1 o'clock P. M. to-day, at which appropriate action will be taken in reference to the death of Mayor Havemeyer, who was, *ex officio*, a member of the commission. The deceased gentleman was the first President of this board, having been elected to that office on its organization, June 15, 1847.

ACTION OF THE BROOKLYN COMMON COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen yesterday, Alderman Fisher offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, This board has heard with deep regret of the sudden death this day, of Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New-York; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to propose suitable resolutions expressive of our sentiments upon this melancholy dispensation, to report at the next meeting of this board.

Resolved, That this board attend in a body at the funeral of his Honor, and that a committee of three be appointed to make suitable arrangements therefor.

THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MAYOR'S DEATH.

Mayor Havemeyer's death at this time has more than ordinary significance. His successor, Mr. Vance, by virtue of his office, will become a member of the Board of Apportionment, and his seat as President of the Board of Aldermen will have to be filled by an election. Alderman Richard Flanagan, a Democrat, is likely to be selected, and he, too, will be entitled to a vote in the Board of Apportionment. The latter will then consist of Mayor Vance, Controller Green, Mr. Flanagan, the prospective President of the Board of Aldermen, and Tax Commissioner Wheeler. Great importance is attached to this circumstance from the fact that the death of the Mayor—may cause a rupture in the Board of Apportionment, so far as the estimates for 1875 are concerned, and prevent their passage in their present shape.

IN THE COURTS.

KELLY'S LIBEL SUIT AGAINST THE MAYOR.

Judge Westbrook sat at 12 o'clock in the Chambers of the Supreme Court to hear argument on the motion made on behalf of John Kelly in his libel suit against Mayor Havemeyer to strike out as irrelevant certain portions of the answer to his complaint. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Henry L. Clinton and Col. Wingate, and for the Mayor appeared Judge Porter and Mr. Waterbury. Mr. Clinton briefly sketched the legal grounds on which the motion was based, after which Col. Wingate read the paragraphs of the answer, pointing out the objectionable portions, and stating his reasons for excluding them. Particular comment was made on the concluding paragraph explaining the necessity for publishing the letter complained of, on the ground that the plaintiff and John Morrissey were usurping the power of dictating nominations for county officers to the Tammany Hall party. Col. Wingate concluded at 12:20 o'clock, and Judge Waterbury was just entering on his reply, when a sudden commotion was observed, followed by an ominous stillness. Counsel sat as if dumb with amazement, and looked at each other in a frightened sort of way.

Judge Westbrook, with visible anxiety, beckoned to a court officer, and directed him to inquire what was the matter, and the officer returned to the Bench and communicated the intelligence in a low voice. Judge Westbrook then summoned the counsel inside the Bar, and held a whispered consultation with them, and the counsel returned to their places in silence. "Send for Ricketts," said Judge Westbrook, and that officer was immediately started to ascertain whether the rumor, which had now reached every one in court, was true. Mr. Ricketts returned in a few minutes, and reported to the court that it was true that the Mayor had suddenly expired in his office. On learning that the report was true, Judge Westbrook said that ended the whole complaint.

Mr. Clinton then said: I have heard that his Honor, the Mayor, died in the discharge of his duties a few minutes ago. Of course that terminates these proceedings.

Judge Westbrook—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Clinton—This is not the proper time to express our commiseration or our sense of the loss sustained, and I therefore move, without further remarks, if it please the court, that we now adjourn.

Judge Porter said this brought to a sudden termination the proceeding in which he as counsel for the Mayor was instructed to vindicate one of his last living utterances. If he were to proceed further with it, it would be in vindication of his memory. From the nature of the proceeding, it terminated with his life. It would be for the court to determine whether or not it would be proper to grant the motion suggested by Mr. Clinton. He thought that he, and even those he represented, would be ready to give their cordial testimony to the long career so honorably pursued by him, in the positions in which he had been placed by the partiality of his fellow-citizens; and they, as well as his friends, would rejoice in having an opportunity to terminate this unhappy controversy.

His life had been one memorable in the history of New-York; and he (the speaker) would be, perhaps, wanting in candor if he were not to say that he entertained no doubt of what his Honor's decision must have been on the present motion, if decision had been called for; and, in justice to his client, he must say that he had the most entire conviction that before any tribunal he would have been able to sustain the charges. He said this because he would be wanting in duty to him if he were not to say that he wrote what he believed to be true, and was prepared, as he supposed, to prove.

Mr. Clinton—I cordially concur with the learned and distinguished gentleman in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased Mayor; but I regret that my friend has permitted anything to drop from his lips as to the merits of this case. While we would do honor to the Mayor of the City, and indulge in the utmost liberality in regard to his memory, I cannot permit the declaration just fallen from my friend without a word of reply; that my client would be vindicated beyond all persuasion. I have not the slightest doubt. But as my friend almost regretted the opportunity of trying the merits, I would say that the same facts will undergo judicial investigation in the suit between the same plaintiff and Judge Waterbury, and, therefore, at a proper opportunity at a future time, will be presented to a court and jury for adjudication. Having said thus much, I can only say that the solemnity of the occasion is such as must not only disarm the hostility of this man and his associates, but that we desire his faults, whatever they may have been, may be buried in his grave. We have no desire to utter other than words of kindness, and such as would be suitable on this important occasion.

Judge Westbrook—Owing to the sad event which has just taken place, the court will now be adjourned. It will be unnecessary to proceed further with this motion; it must end with the life of this party against whom the action pended, and this motion stands permanently adjourned.

ACTION OF THE OTHER COURTS.

In the Supreme Court, Circuit, Part III., Mr. Miller, of the Corporation Counsel's office, so soon as he heard of the occurrence, moved the adjournment of the court.

Judge Van Vorst said: "I have known Mayor Havemeyer for many years, and I have always respected him as a merchant, and in every other position in public and private life which he has occupied. I believe him to have been an honest and an upright man. Every one must know that it was very difficult for a man holding such a position as he did to please the satisfaction of everybody, but I believe that he has honestly and truly endeavored to discharge his duties faithfully in all positions. I therefore direct an adjournment of the court, out of respect to his memory, and that that adjournment be entered on the minutes of this court."

Judge Van Brunt, in the Supreme Court, Special Term, announced the sudden death of the Mayor, and, out of respect to the City's Chief Magistrate, directed an immediate adjournment of the Court.

Judge Freedman, sitting in Superior Court, Special Term, on motion of J. S. Lawrence, made a similar order.

Judge Brady, who is holding Part II. of the Supreme Court, was informed of the Mayor's death immediately after it occurred. He was then engaged in the trial of a case which was nearly concluded, and John Havemeyer, the Mayor's son, was on the jury. Judge Brady, calling him up, informed him of his misfortune, and excused him from further service on the jury. As soon as the case was concluded, the court was adjourned out of respect to the late Chief Magistrate.

At the adjournment of the Court of General Sessions, in the afternoon, District Attorney Phelps said it seemed improper that the court should adjourn without an expression of opinion on the lamented sudden death of Mayor Havemeyer, by which they had all been startled. It was a rare event to see the Chief Magistrate die in that office to which he had thrice been elected by his fellow-citizens. It was unnecessary for him to dwell at any length on the merits and high public services of the deceased, which were well known to everybody. He, therefore, moved that the court adjourn out of respect to the memory of their departed Chief Magistrate. Addresses in eulogy of the deceased were also delivered by Charles H. Brooke and Judge Suddards, and the Clerk was directed to enter the record of the adjournment of the court on the minutes.

The announcement of the sudden death of Mayor Havemeyer was made in the Surrogate's Court while the case of the minor children of J. J. O'Brien, who died in Bellevue Hospital on the 19th inst., was being heard. Surrogate Hutchings immediately adjourned the court with a few appropriate remarks.

On the opening of the afternoon session yesterday at the Yorkville Police Court, Mr. Nathan Nesbit announced to the court the death of Mayor Havemeyer, and in a few fitting remarks moved that the court adjourn. The motion was seconded by Counselor Price, and Justice Morgan adjourned the court for the day.

THE NEWS AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS.

The first intimation of the sudden death of the Mayor was received at Police Head-quarters at 12:20 P. M. in a telegram sent from the Twenty-sixth Precinct Station-house, which is situated in the basement of the City Hall. The dispatch was as follows:

To President Matsell:

The Mayor has just died in his office.

H. D. HOOKER, Sergeant.

The first to receive the news was Superintendent Walling, who at once communcated it to President Matsell. The latter was completely stunned, and dreadfully shocked. For a moment he could scarcely realize the import of the message, but he suddenly grew pale and faint. Recovering himself somewhat, he ordered the Superintendent to telegraph to the Twenty-sixth Precinct for confirmation of the report, receiving which he ordered a carriage, and, accompanied by his son, drove down to the City Hall, and did not return during the day. Police Commissioners Voorhis and Diabecker both expressed great regret at the sudden demise of the Chief Magistrate of the City. At the meeting of the Board to-day it is believed that appropriate action will no doubt be taken in relation thereto. The announcement of the Mayor's death was sent on general alarm by telegraph to all station-houses in this City, and the flags at Police Head-quarters and at the station-houses were placed at half-mast as soon as the news was learned.

ACTION OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Excise, Commissioner W. H. Hiner offered the following resolution:

Whereas the painful intelligence of the sudden and unexpected demise of Hon. William F. Havemeyer has been officially announced, and the upright official, the venerable Mayor was engaged up to the very last moment of his earthly career in the performance of the duties of his office, anxiously caring for the welfare of the Municipality; and

Whereas, The sterling honesty of purpose, keen appreciation of merits, and upright dealings of the late Mayor render him a proper subject for veneration and respect; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this board deems the death of Hon. William F. Havemeyer to be a public calamity, by which the City has been deprived of the upright official, the community of an honest citizen, and the mercantile world of a model business man.

Resolved, That to the widow and children of the deceased we extend our heartfelt and sincere condolence in this their hour of affliction, and trust that a Divine Providence will speedily assuage their grief, for "In the midst of life we are in death."

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the illustrious deceased this office be closed on the day of the funeral, and that the Commissioners attend the obsequies of the late Mayor in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, be transmitted to the family of the late Mr. Havemeyer and published in the City press.

The resolutions were adopted.

THE NEWS IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 30.—The announcement of Mayor Havemeyer's death was received in this city with a general expression of regret.

THE PETERSBURG, VA., ELECTION CASES.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 30.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, Judges Bond and Hughes sitting, the Judges announced that they disagreed in the Petersburg election cases, and would certify them up to the Supreme Court of the United States. Eight Judges and three Registers of election in Petersburg were indicted under the Enforcement act of Congress for obstructing and preventing colored men from voting at the Municipal election in May last. Counsel for the defendants demurred to the indictment and the points raised were elaborately argued. The Judges differ on but one point, viz.: That none of the indictments charge that the persons prevented from voting were so prevented "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Judge Hughes holds that the indictments are fatally defective, and thinks this charge should be made in order to let in the proof or inference of motive. Judge Bond holds that as the motives of men cannot be looked into or proved except by their acts, it is sufficient to charge that citizens of the United States were prevented from voting, and that the motive of hostility to race may be inferred from the act of preventing a colored voter from voting.

ARRIVAL OF MENNONITES AT PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—Two hundred and forty-two Mennonites, who arrived on the steam-ship Nederland, are at present quartered in the steamship depot at Christian street wharf. They are in charge of the Mennonite Executive Aid Society and will be forwarded to Safe Harbor, Lancaster County, where they will be sheltered in about 200 houses belonging to the Phœnix Iron Company during the Winter, and in the meantime localities for settlement will be selected in the Western States and Territories.

ARREST OF A COUNTERFEITER IN ONTARIO.

LONDON, Ontario, Nov. 30.—A man named John C. Daly was arrested here by detective officers, this morning, on a charge of passing counterfeit money in Detroit. The spurious bills were of the denomination of $5, on the Traders' Bank of Chicago, and were the work of the notorious counterfeiter, Ballard, who was recently arrested in Buffalo. Daly will be sent to Windsor in charge of United States detectives, where he will remain until he is extradited.

VERDICT OF A CORONER'S JURY—HOMICIDE.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Nov. 30.—A Coroner's Jury to-day rendered a verdict that Frank V. Hines, brakeman on the Midland Railroad, died from the effects of a blow on the head from a mallet, in the hands of William Armstrong, on Nov. 16. Armstrong is still at large.

THE BOYLSTON BANK ROBBER SENTENCED.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 30.—In the Superior Criminal Court, this afternoon, Charles H. Bullard, alias William A. Judson, the principal in the famous robbery of the Boylston National Bank, of this city, several years ago, was sentenced to twenty years in the State Prison.

CHURCH DEDICATION IN BANGOR.

BANGOR, Me., Nov. 30.—St. Mary's Catholic Church, which was dedicated yesterday, is one of the largest and finest examples of church architecture in this State, presenting a striking external appearance. Impressive dedicatory services were conducted by Right Rev. Bishop Lynch, of South Carolina, assisted by Rev. John E. Barry and many prominent divines of Maine and Massachusetts.

WILL OF MOSES DAY, OF BOSTON.

BOSTON, Nov. 30.—The will of the late Moses Day disposes of $500,000 worth of property, and bequeaths $38,000 to various educational and charitable institutions. He gives $5,000 each to Amherst, Williams, Harvard, and Tufts Colleges, and provides for the expenditure of $30,000 for charitable purposes and "the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth."

THE NAVAL DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER WOOD.

REPAIR AND RENEWAL OF MACHINERY IN VESSELS OF WAR—PRESERVATION OF BOILERS—SCREW PROPELLERS—FIREMEN IN THE NAVY—THE ENGINEER CORPS—COAL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The following is the annual report of W. W. Wood, Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department:

MACHINERY REPAIRED.

During the past year the machinery, &c., of the following-named vessels has been repaired and refitted for active service. Vessels marked with an asterisk have had new boilers placed on board: *Plymouth, second rate; Blue Light, tug; and Speedwell, tug, at the Kittery Navy-yard. Franklin, first rate, new auxiliary boiler; and *Brooklyn, second rate, at Charlestown Navy-yard; Colorado, first rate; Florida, first rate; Minnesota, first rate; Kansas, third rate; Dictator, iron-clad; Roanoke, iron-clad, and Catalpa, tug, at Brooklyn Navy-yard. Canandaigua, second rate, and Ajax, iron-clad, at the Philadelphia Navy-yard. *Shawmut, third rate, and Mayflower, tug, at the Washington Navy-yard. Pensacola, second rate, Saranac, second-rate, and Narragansett, third-rate, at Mare Island Navy-yard. *Catskill, iron-clad, at the Continental Iron Works, Greenpoint, N. Y. *Montauk, iron-clad, at the Quintard Iron Works, New-York. Iron-clads *Jason, *Nahant, *Passaic, and Wyandotte, at the Delaware River Iron and Shipbuilding Works, Chester, Penn., and the iron-clads Canonicus and *Lehigh at the works of the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., Wilmington, Del. In addition to the above the machinery of the vessels which rendezvoused at Key West during the late Cuban difficulty was more or less repaired at that station, which necessitated the employment of a considerable number of mechanics, the most of whom were brought from New-York for that purpose.

NEW MACHINERY.

Of the 50 by 42 engines converted into compound engines, one pair has been completed and erected on board the Swatara, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and satisfactory results were obtained from the trials at the dock and during its performance at sea, while the vessel was steaming to Kerguelen Island with the scientific party sent out to observe the transit of Venus. Reports were forwarded from Bahia, Brazil, and Cape Town, Africa. Of the remainder one pair is in process of erection on board the Marion, at the Portsmouth Navy-yard; one pair is erected on the Vandalia, at the Charlestown Navy-yard, nearly completed; and one pair is ready for erection on the Quinnebaug, at the Philadelphia Navy-yard. The compound engines for the Galena, at the Norfolk Navy-yard, and for the Dolphin, at Mare Island Navy-yard, are being pushed toward completion as rapidly as practicable. The machinery of the United States steamer Tennessee has been completed during the year, and dock trials made. The performance was such as to provide satisfactory results when the final trial tests are made at sea. The condition of the vessel prevents these final practical tests at sea (provided for by the contract) being made upon completion of the machinery. The machinery, &c., under contract for the eight sloops-of-war is either ready or nearly ready for erection on board the respective vessels, and some of it is now being forwarded to the Navy-yards where it is to be erected. It is expected that these engines will be complete within the next three months, some probably at an earlier date. The compound machinery under contract for the Nipsic at the Washington Navy-yard is completed as far as possible before being erected in the vessel, and has been delivered at the yard. The engine and boilers for the tug Monterey are completed, and in progress of shipment to Mare Island. New boilers for the Monocacy on the Asiatic station have been completed and shipped in sections to Japan to be erected on board the vessel there, and boilers for the Ashuelot and Palos are nearly completed and ready for shipment to that station—this course having been found to be the most economical, owing to the unskilled labor charged for work of the character required in the engineering department of the United States naval vessels on that station.

MACHINERY OF VESSELS UNDER REPAIR.

The machinery, &c., of the following named vessels is now undergoing thorough repairs. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are to have new boilers: *Cohasset, tug, and *Leyden, tug, at the Boston Navy-yard. Talapoosa, first rate; Wyoming, third rate, and Resaca, tug, at the Washington Navy-yard; *Rose, tug, at the Pennsylvania Navy-yard; *Monadnock, iron-clad, Comanche, iron-clad, and *Iroquois, third rate, at the Mare Island Navy Yard; Amphitrite, iron-clad, at the works of the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., Wilmington, Del.; Mantasket, third rate, at the works of Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia, Penn., and the Miantonomoh, iron-clad, at the Delaware River Iron and Ship-building Works, Chester, Penn. New boilers are also contemplated for the tugs Pinta and Mayflower. Such of the boilers stored in the navy-yards, constructed for vessels not completed, as can be utilized, will be used for vessels fitting out, to which they may be adapted as required. The old boilers removed from the Dacotah and California have been repaired and put on board the Kearsarge and Pensacola. The two remaining boilers from the California will probably be used on the Iroquois.

COMPARATIVE TEST OF ENGINES.

A recent trial at the Boston Navy-yard of engines of the simple and of the compound types has just been completed under the supervision of Chief Engineer C. H. Loring, United States Army, and Mr. Charles Emery, Consulting Engineer for the United States Revenue Marine, the report of which is appended herewith.

PRESERVATION OF BOILERS.

The rapid decay of boilers used in connection with surface condensers having become a question of grave consideration, many experiments have been made with a view of arresting this decay by corrosion. None of the methods heretofore tested, except in a single instance, resulted successfully, except to a very limited and partial extent. The apparatus for arresting and neutralising the acid on the water supplying the boilers from the surface condensers, (and preventing their introduction into the boiler,) referred to in my last annual report, has given gratifying results on all the vessels where it has been thoroughly tested.

SCREW PROPELLERS.

The inefficiency of the two-bladed screws, owing to the insufficient areas of the blades, continues to be reported. These screws were substituted by the department, several years since, in place of those of four blades, then used, with a view to decreasing the resistance of the propeller while the vessel was under sail alone, as the screw parts of these vessels were designed for screws of four blades. They would not admit of one of a less number of blades having the same area. Consequently, in every one of the many cases where the two-bladed screw was substituted, the vessel was so crippled for want of sufficient propelling area, that it was almost impossible to steam three miles an hour against an ordinary head wind, using full engine power. In some cases the original four-bladed screws have been replaced, and the efficiency of such vessels brought up to their original standard. With a view to determining exactly what the relative losses were when dragging the screw, held stationary, or when allowed to revolve freely by pressure of the water, a full and elaborate set of experiments were made at the Mare Island Navy-yard, the results of which we append.

FIREMEN.

In my last annual report attention was called to this part of the engineer force on shipboard. I would now further call attention to the training of the men on paddle-wheel steamers and iron-clads in commission, there are practically no firemen in the service. Their duties are performed by seamen, part of whom are shipped for the performance of this particular duty, but the larger portion are detailed from the men on deck as emergency requires. These men are unskilled in the performance of this duty, to which they are unaccustomed, and, in many cases, regard being detailed to perform it as a punishment, causing dissatisfaction and many desertions, and resulting at least in inefficient firing and consequent waste of fuel.

PERSONNEL OF THE ENGINEER CORPS.

The last report of this bureau called your attention to the large and rapidly-increasing number of vacancies on the list of Assistant Engineers, and the difficulty of securing competent persons to fill them. This difficulty still exists. During the three years which ended Dec. 31, 1873, forty-eight vacancies occurred by death, resignation, dismissal, and retirement, and during this period only eleven appointments were made to the grade, although it is believed that every applicant who seemed at all suitable has received permission to be examined for their grade. In the year 1873, while seventeen vacancies occurred, only two of the candidates for admission were found to possess the necessary qualifications, and during the current year but one candidate from civil life has thus far been recommended for appointment. As the number of engineer graduates from the Naval Academy must, (while the number of cadets remains as limited as at present,) at most, be small, and insufficient to fill the vacancies as they occur from time to time, I respectfully recommend that the number of cadets appointed to the Academy be increased to such a number as will secure not less than fifteen graduates per annum. Congress at its last session very wisely increased the duration of the engineering course for those cadets from two years to four. The course of instruction, restricted by the brief term of the old system to the salient points of mechanical engineering, can now be developed so as to take in the more recondite details of the profession. Some things still remain to be desired, among which may be named instruction in ship-building, for the reason that a knowledge of its calculations must be considered a necessary prerequisite to the sound designing of marine engines. The course at present given to the cadet midshipmen in the department of seamanship is most excellent, and with the addition of lectures upon the practical details of iron ship construction, would be of infinite benefit to the cadet engineers. It can hardly be out of place here to advert to the subject of physical culture, and to urge its paramount importance for cadet engineers, whose professional duties at sea often make such demands on their bodily endurance as to permanently break down and retire from active service many promising officers. The retired and sick lists of the corps exhibit this most prominently. For these students, whose specific practical exercises are of an engrossing and confining nature, out-of-door drills are especially desirable, if not absolutely required, to develop their physique. Indeed, it appears that all the practical drills and exercises given to the cadet midshipmen, excepting only in seamanship, would tend to make the cadet engineers more useful in their service after graduation.

GREENLAND COAL.

Specimens of the coal brought from the Praigot Straits, on the north side of Disco Island, Greenland, by Commander D. L. Braine, United States Navy, commanding United States steamer Juniata in 1873, has, through the kindness of Prof. Benjamin Martin, of the New-York University, been carefully analysed. The coal is from a formation of a very different age from that which furnishes our ordinary coal, and abounds in impressions of peculiar plants, and, as a matter of scientific interest, specimens of this coal were forwarded for analysis.

In connection with the report are between 200 and 300 pages of tabulated experiments, investing the use of the screw as an instrument in the propulsion of vessels, &c., and experiments in connection with dragging the screw, as in the case of vessels fitted with a screw which cannot be triced up, and which practice is common in all the navies of the world. These tables are very comprehensive, elaborate, and suggestive to the engineering profession.

THE LATE JONATHAN STURGES.

ACTION OF THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB—SPEECHES AND RESOLUTIONS.

A meeting of the members of the Union League Club was held last night to take action on the death of Jonathan Sturges. Joseph H. Choate, President, occupied the chair, and Andrew W. Leggatt acted as Secretary. After calling the meeting to order, the Chairman said it would be strange, indeed, if the death of such a man as Mr. Sturges would be allowed to pass without something more than a formal notice on the part of the Union League Club, of which he was one of the founders. He was glad that some of the contemporaries of the deceased were present, to tell by what devotion and industry, patience in welldoing, and application to business he attained a foremost position among them. He was one of those who, whatever wealth or influence he acquired, was always foremost in advocating measures for the relief of his fellows. The speaker then alluded to the cordial support given by Mr. Sturges to the Government during the dark days of the rebellion, and while he occupied the position of President of the Union League Club, as well as during the riots of 1863, and to the cause of reform while acting as a member of the Committee of Seventy. The Chairman then read a eulogistic letter from Rev. Dr. Bellows:

Ex-Judge Emott also delivered a eulogy on the deceased, and moved that a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions. The Chairman appointed as such committee Ex-Judge Emott, Charles Butler, B. G. Arnold, Jackson S. Schultz, and John C. Hamilton, by whom the following resolutions were presented:

Resolved, That the members of the Union League Club have heard with profound sorrow of the sudden death of Mr. Jonathan Sturges, its former President. Identified with the City of New-York and with its best interests for more than half a century, he had during life a distinguished position among the foremost merchants and citizens. He proved by his own example that in commerce the highest success is consistent with the most exalted integrity and the largest liberality. He was ever diligent in his business, but however ardently he pursued it, it was always as a means and not as an end, and he devoted its rich rewards with an unsparing hand to objects of charity and works of public beneficence. He was distinguished by faith that there is no degree of absorption in his private affairs would excuse the citizen from the imperative duty of exercising according to his opportunity an influence for good in the political and public interests of the community in which he lives.

It was in this spirit that in those dark days which threatened the life of our nation, when treason here was secretly at hands with open rebellion in the field for its destruction, he took an active part as one of the founders of this club in eliciting and maintaining that spirit of loyalty and patriotism which was then so necessary for the support of the Government in the deadly perils by which it was beset. As its President, in the lamentable riots of July, 1863, he led with memorable courage and vigor the best public sentiment of the Metropolis to the support of its besieged official authorities, and throughout the war he lent the whole force of his character and the whole weight of his influence to the maintenance of the country's cause. In the more recent events of our Municipal history, when fraud, more potent than force in arm, was sapping the life of the City, he helped to organize and to lead that union of the citizens of all parties by which it was so signally exposed and overthrown. His wisdom was proverbial among his fellow-citizens, but his modesty and unobtrusiveness as conspicuous as his wisdom. He sought no honor, and shrank from public observation, out whenever called upon—as he was sure to be in every public emergency—he spoke in the words which, coming from such a source, was always controlling. His advocacy of human freedom, his devotion to the cause of education, his many acts of charity, his earnest promotion of art, and his zeal in everything that went to the improvement and adornment of the City as a home for its citizens, will long be remembered by a grateful community.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be entered on the minutes of the club, and a copy thereof sent to the family of Mr. Sturges and to the press.

Resolved, That as a mark of our respect for our departed associate, the members of this club will attend his funeral services.

After the adoption of the resolutions appropriate addresses were also delivered by George H. Blunt, James H. Titus, William Cullen Bryant, Rev. Dr. Osgood, and Jackson S. Schultz, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

It was then resolved that the members meet at the club-house this afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, to attend in a body the funeral from the Twenty-ninth street Reformed Church.

MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

A special meeting of the Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad Company was held yesterday, to take action on the death of Jonathan Sturges. When the President had announced the object for which they had assembled, the following minute was directed to be entered in the book of records, and it was ordered that a copy, signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to his family:

This Board has learned with deep regret the death of Jonathan Sturges, one of the original corporators, and for most of the period of its existence a Director of this company, which is largely indebted to his wise counsels and energy for its success. In common with those who have been his associates in business, in charitable and religious enterprises, and in social circles, we lament him as one who, for more than fifty years, has maintained a character eminent for integrity and benevolence.

We tender to the family of Mr. Sturges the expression of our sincere condolence in their bereavement, while we feel that all his friends have the sure consolation given by his honorable record and his life of religious trust. WILSON G. HUNT, President,

L. A. GAYLIN, Secretary

PROTESTANTISM IN FRANCE.

ITS HISTORY AND PRESENT CONDITION.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CHURCH—IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING THE MEMBERS TO ORGANIZE—EFFORTS OF THE TWO NAPOLEONS TO BENEFIT THEM—THE CALVINISTS AND LUTHERANS—M. GUIZOT'S WORK AND WHAT HAS FOLLOWED IT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, Nov. 16, 1874.

The Reformed Protestant Church of France is just now in the midst of a crisis, the extreme gravity of which must soon become apparent throughout the world. The followers of Luther and of Calvin are divided by a fatal schism, and there is every prospect of a speedy separation of the two sects comprising the Reformed Church. The germs of the present troubles have been long in existence. Up to the past few years, however, the troubles have had a doctrinal character; to-day they have passed from the religious domain to a purely administrative ground. In order to understand the present difficulty, we must look back into history and study its origin and development. After the fatal revocation of the edict of Nantes—after the persecutions of the time of Louis XIV., that caused the loss of so many rich, intelligent, and loyal citizens—the Protestant Church had no legal existence in France. It remained simply as a fact that could not be wholly ignored. On account of previous tyranny, the French revolution felt bound to place religious liberty in the first rank, but its practice was by no means equal to its theory. Speaking solely from a Protestant point of view, however, it must be confessed that something had been gained. After 1789 we had the separation of Church and State. But the decree producing this great result benefited little the members of Protestant sects, for their situation was in no wise legalized by the Assemblies of the first Republic. They were allowed civic privileges and the rights accorded to other citizens. According to law, there could be no proscription on account of faith; but, although placed upon a footing with other Christians, they found their religion proscribed with the rest. According to the law, every man was free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. But to worship God at all was, if not a crime, at least a grave misdemeanor in the eyes of the leaders of the revolution. The First Consul brought hope to the members of the Protestant faith, and gave to France the most complete religious liberty that the country had ever enjoyed. But Bonaparte soon found that he was providing for an organization that had no existence. There were Protestants; but there was no Protestant Church that could be treated as a body. And he also found that he had to make a great many concessions to the majority, and that his own beautiful ideas of perfect religious liberty, so fine in theory, were very nearly impracticable in a purely Catholic country. In 1801 he concluded the Concordat with the Church of Rome. But at the same time he managed to do something for the Protestants, since he gave them a special legislation.

Beyond all question, it is better that the organic articles of a reformed faith should exist as police regulations than not to exist at all, and hence the Church has reason to feel grateful to Bonaparte, who did what he could and not half that he desired. At that period the Reformed Church was very imperfectly organized. It had no definite formation, and its members were drawn from all those anti-Catholic families that had preserved the traditions of the Reformation. But among the Protestants there were many different sects. They were not united in a single Church. There was no regular catechism nor dogmatic formulary. The old confessions of faith, inspired by the doctrines of the Reformation, had not been renovated in more than a hundred and sixty years, and they had given way before the more modern belief that the articles of religious faith were matters to be regulated by each individual conscience. The old maxim that "Every Protestant is a Pope with the Bible in his hand," expressed the dogmatic state of the Reformed Church at that period. As for the Church regulations, one scarcely knows what to say, for each Church had rules and regulations of its own, and there were no rules of Church discipline except the Police laws of the Concordat, placing local churches under consistories, and these consistories under synods. The General Synod, formed from members elected by the consistories, was to be the counterpart of the Ecumenical Councils of Rome. It will thus be observed that Bonaparte did more for the Reformed Church than it did for itself, since some regular organization is a necessity under the present arrangements of human societies. But the Protestants declined to avail themselves of the privileges accorded them by the laws based upon the Concordat, and on the ground that this centralization or concentration of authority would interfere with the principle of free examination, of individual conscience in spiritual matters, and the free-will of each individual member in all matters of faith. French Protestants were not willing to admit that the Concordat, synods, or consistories, could fix for them their articles of faith so long as they had the Bible before them. I need not say that such a state of things is absolutely out of the question, for the persons who made so many eateries about persecution, and who appealed to the protection of the laws, refused to take the necessary steps for procuring the proper legislation in their own behalf. It was the hostility of the Catholics on one hand, and the indiscipline of the Protestants on the other, that prevented Bonaparte from carrying out his ideas of religious liberty—ideas fully entertained by our own Washington.

I must remark here that Bonaparte had to create a code and form an administration, engrafting, upon the conservative laws of centuries of monarchy the acquired results of the Revolution. He had to provide for every class of citizens, and it was absolutely necessary to group them in one way or another. Among the classes the Emperor found the Protestants of the Reformed Church, and he was sufficiently friendly to them; but he told them that they must organize themselves into a single church in order to enter into the ensemble of his administrative project, (the most remarkable work the world ever produced,) and so that special laws might be made that would place them upon an equal footing with other sects. Nothing would seem more just from the legislator's point of view; but the Protestants refused to be organized or to be disciplined. When it came to the formation of a single church they found that they were divided into a number of petty factions. Each church had been going on pretty much after its own way, and one set of articles of faith was not accepted by churches in another locality. To every appeal they replied that organization interfered with their fundamental doctrine of individual right of conscience and free examination. As far back as 1660 they had arranged their affairs by a General Assembly, and since that time the changes that were evident to all the world had not taught them the necessity of further organization. Since they would not submit to discipline, and refused to ask that their religion should be made an institution recognized by the laws of the land, the Emperor could do little for them. He said, in his brusque way, that they were "small and narrow-minded people. He gradually gave way before the pressure of the Catholics, who yielded to his *projet d'administration*, who knew very well what they wanted while the Protestants did not. All they asked was to be let alone; but the moment the State left them alone, they accused it of leaving them to the persecutions of the Catholics. Certain laws had to be made, and were made, and more complete laws would have been made if the Protestants had been organized. I do not hesitate to say that it was the old Calvinistic spirit of opposition that then prevented the Protestants from getting the laws they desired at that epoch; but, as each local church claimed to owe no allegiance to any authority except its own Bible and the conscience of its members, the Protestants resisted all the Emperor's efforts to organize them into consistories, synods, or other divisions, in order to bring them within the scope of legislation.

Every group of men associated by common ideas and feelings soon feels a desire to grow, to extend, and to develop into something greater—in fine, to make some progress in the society in which they live. This gives rise to propaganda. Looking at this from a civil point of view we now come upon a new order of ideas. There must be certain beliefs, ideas, or opinions at the bottom of their associations, and as these may be accepted by timid proselytes without reflection, the State has to inquire into the nature of the doctrines that are taught. To comprehend all this, let us suppose that a group of Mormons establish themselves in the City of New-York and begin their propaganda. The police would soon interfere on the ground that polygamy is not tolerated by the existing laws of the State. This is just what happened in France. The Reformed Pastors began to make converts; the sect was seen to be growing; the laymen engaged in propaganda in favor of their peculiar religion; the sect became militant, and fought its enemies, and the conflicts raised could not be kept from the domain of the law. The State then had to suppress this new religion, or else to regulate it by proper laws; but to do this it was necessary to inquire in what this sect differed from others recognized by the law. Here we come to the difficulty that has led directly to the present crisis. On examination it was found that the Reformed Church consisted of Lutherans and Calvinists, and that the two parties were widely separated in opinion. The younger liberal Pastors bowed before the march of science, became a little rationalistic and Voltairian, and claimed that the people would never submit to the cold, hard rules of the Calvanistic faith. The orthodox party insisted upon keeping up the faith of their fathers in all its purity. Thus two parties were brought into antagonism, and since then each has been growing, and the division is still more accentuated. This prevents that union which is necessary to the welfare and progress of the Church.

The studies upon the Bible made in Germany about the period of the Restoration could scarcely fail to produce an effect upon the liberal and progressive parties of the Reformed Church, and particularly upon the young. The progress of modern science had also its effect. But the effects were not comparable to those of to-day. M. Guizot was among the orthodox members of the Reformed Church that lamented its liberal tendencies, and he brought his knowledge of statecraft to bear upon the question. If a plebiscite had been taken the Liberals would have carried the day at that period, but it was found that the Calvinists had a majority, counting by consistories. It will be remembered that M. Guizot was then governing France with only 250,000 voters in 36,000,000 of people; and it was mere child's play for him to arrange a majority upon his side when it was merely a question of 500,000 Protestants. He began by making delegates to the synod eligible at a certain age, and thus excluded the younger members from the consistories as far as possible. A few years more and the Lutheran Church in France would have been subjected to the Church of Calvin. Political events interfered with this fine scheme.

During the Second Empire the Protestants were accorded the widest possible freedom. Religious liberty was in actual existence. The Reformed Church was not only put upon the footing of other sects, but it was recognized as a *culte*, provided with a special budget, and its pastors were paid from the public treasury. But yet complaints were heard, and the Emperor replied that he could do no more under present conditions. "Organize yourselves," he said, "and I will see that all your wrongs are redressed." But the old spirit of indiscipline prevailed, and, without presenting any substitute, the pastors took ground against the terms of the Concordat. At the same time they were not sure of what they wanted when this was removed; for they were unable to agree upon the basis of their own faith. They had religious liberty, and many privileges never before enjoyed; but nevertheless Napoleon III., with a strong desire to aid the Protestants, could do very little more than his uncle.

In 1872 M. Guizot again renewed the work begun more than a quarter of a century before. He procured from M. Thiers an authorization for the meeting of a General Synod at Paris. During his entire public life M. Guizot had been the soul of the orthodox party. He brought to bear upon religious questions the sharpness, the ambition, the intolerance, and the domineering spirit that had characterized his civil acts. The meeting of the synod was his personal work. He publicly thanked the Government of M. Thiers, which, the Liberals say, should have prevented an Assembly that was contrary to the spirit of Protestantism and contrary to the organic articles of the 18 Germinal, an X. In the synod itself he showed a rigor and a haughtiness that prevented all compromise or conciliation. But he had his *credo* voted by the synod; he saved Calvinism, and he congratulated himself at the point of death for having rendered this last service to his Church. All that has now arisen is but the natural consequence of the action of this synod.

I now come to present facts, and while showing that the Protestants are ruining themselves, I must also show that M. Guizot was probably in the right. There are about 600,000 Protestants in France—250,000 Calvinists, 350,000 Lutherans or Liberals. The latter are led by such pastors as Anastase Coquerel, who will be remembered in New-York, and these men claim that the religion of Calvin is not up to our age, and not in accordance with the revelations of modern science and the progress of knowledge. They do not believe in the divinity of the Scriptures, and call Christ the "philosopher-carpenter of Nazareth," a great man, beyond all doubt, but not the son of God. Morally, or ethically speaking, they accept His teachings, but they cannot agree that He is God, the Son of God, or even inspired. They do not believe in revelation, miracles, or in the divine character of the Bible. It will be seen, therefore, that there was a very wide gap between the two parties in the Synod, but, thanks to M. Guizot, orthodoxy carried the day by, I think, about four votes.

The Pope is Catholicism, it is said here, and all who refuse obedience to him are Protestants. Every man who frankly declares himself a Protestant is entitled to respect; but it is evident that this cannot satisfy the laws. If M. Coquerel and his partisans would only meet and come to an understanding, and state what their belief is, a special religion could be founded, and that could be recognized by the State; but to profess their doctrines and yet call themselves Reformed Protestants is as absurd as for Catholics to protest and yet call themselves Catholics. The world laughed at Père Hyacinthe when he tried to stand upon this illogical ground. It is true that 350,000 liberal Protestants have had to submit to 250,000 Calvinists; but how is that to be avoided? There must be some sort of an organization, a *credo*, regular articles of faith, and an administration of some sort. The only palpable thing, so far as the State is concerned, is the *credo* of Guizot, voted by the General Synod, and two sets of laws for two different parties in the same Church is manifestly impossible. But although the Synod voted the articles of faith presented by Guizot, it did not dare to make them obligatory. However, in a very short time, the Executive Committee appointed by the Synod took it upon themselves to say that they did not recognize any Protestants but those who had subscribed to this confession of faith. The importance of this will appear when we reflect that a Catholic minister of public worship, rejoicing in the divisions of the Protestants, may legally take the ground that no man is a Protestant, and under the régime of the law made for that *culte*, unless he belongs to a local church that has subscribed to the proceedings of the General Synod.

This M. De Clement has done. The Liberals left the synod protesting against the tyranny of the minority which, by the trick of calling votes by consistories, had triumphed over a clear majority of 100,000, and subjected them to the doctrines of Calvin, under penalty of expulsion from the Reformed Church. They proceeded with their elections as usual; but when they sent the documents to the Minister he replied that these elections were all illegal, that they could not be recognized by the State, and that all pastors receiving pay from the budget of public worship must subscribe to the *credo* of the synod.

This is the quarrel, and it is now a question as to what can be done. If the Liberals do not turn Calvinists, the number of Protestants in France recognized by law will be reduced 350,000. If they do submit—now that Guizot has gone—how long will it take to repeat the results of the synod, and reduce Calvinism to a subjection that must be far more hateful to the orthodox than that of the Church of Rome? There must be a recognized Protestant organization. Will it be in the hands of the Rationalists—in whose Church Voltaire must be a saint—or in the hands of the followers of Calvin? In the latter case the Church goes back two centuries; in the former it will explode like a brilliant piece of pyrotechnics, and the sparks of a grand faith will lighten up the sky of the future for a moment, only to be lost a moment later in the dark clouds of uncertainty and doubt.

ALABAMA.

GOV. HOUSTON'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS—CONSERVATIVE POSITION OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE.

Following is the inaugural address of Gov. Houston, of Alabama, which was delivered at the State Capitol on Tuesday, Nov. 24:

FELLOW CITIZENS: In obedience to a long-established custom I appear before you to-day to take, in your presence, the official oath prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Alabama for her chief executive officer, and to assume the high and responsible duties of the exalted station, to which I have been called by the voice of her people.

Notwithstanding that the years of experience in the public service through which it has been my fortune to pass, I am free to confess more than mere distrust of my own ability to discharge the many grave and responsible duties of the office into which I am now to be inducted. But with a firm determination to respect and maintain my oath of office, which shall be a seal to my conscience, I unhesitatingly undertake to perform such duties as it imposes, and I will regard it as one of my highest and most sacred obligations to see that the laws are faithfully executed, and the rights of all citizens, "without regard to race, color, or previous condition," duly guarded and protected.

Let this occasion inspire the conviction that we live in a land of liberty, regulated by law, without which the citizen would be insecure against domestic discord or violence; and that our duty to preserve such laws, in their constitutional purity and power, should not and cannot be avoided.

We have just passed through an active and intensely earnest political contest, and while it is both an honor and a pleasure to me to congratulate you and the country upon the glorious and decisive victory achieved by the good and true people of this once more proud and noble State, yet in our congratulations and rejoicing we should be controlled by a wise and patriotic sense of duty, both to the country at large and our own immediate fellow citizens.

Let us dismiss from our thoughts and forget whatever ceriminories there may have been engendered by the excitements which have been so recent. Be reengaged, and draw from it only lessons of moderation and wisdom, which shall be exercised for the improvement of the present and for our guidance in the future. We should understand our victory, and, so employ it as to profit by its results. Our rejoicing should not also be because of a triumph over a defeated adversary, but also because of the success of those great principles which we believe essential to the successful administration of good government, and to the day of our gladness we must not forget our obligations and responsibilities to the State, imposed upon us by our success.

Alabama is embarrassed—her indebtedness is great, and her people are impoverished. Time will be necessary to correct errors of the past and establish confidence. To this end we must restore the credit of the State to its former high and honorable position, preserve inviolate her good faith, and at the same time protect her people against excessive, unjust and improper taxation. Wise legislation is required to accomplish these ends.

The expenses of the administration of our State Government should be reduced in such mode and to such extent as the wisdom of the Legislature, in view of proper economy, may suggest. We will not have discharged the high trust committed to us by the people if we fail to abolish every unnecessary office, and prevent every unnecessary expense. All the departments of the State Government are now to be placed in our hands, and it is eminently our duty to correct abuses, and introduce those necessary reforms which, while they will give greater efficiency to the administration of the State Government, will, at the same time, curtail its expenses.

To you, Senators and gentlemen of the House of Representatives, the country will rightfully look, and I trust not in vain, for that just and wise legislation without which the great interests of the State and her people will languish and become paralyzed. Such laws faithfully and properly enforced command the respect and confidence of the people, and give assurance that security and protection are to be afforded to all classes of our citizens.

In the attainment of these desirable ends I will regard it as my duty, and it will be my pleasure, cordially to co-operate with the Legislative department of the State Government. In our complex system of Government, Federal and State, it sometimes occurs that powers not granted by the Constitution are claimed and exercised. Now, while it is not my purpose on this occasion to discuss questions of Federal policy or authority, yet as powers destructive of the liberties of the people, have been claimed and exercised by the use of the bayonet in a time of profound peace, I trust I may express the confident hope that, as one of the fruits of the recent political revolution, our State has escaped the dangers that seemed to threaten her existence as a State of our common Union. We may certainly hope that by a proper and just administration of her State Government, in avoiding on our part any claim of power to which we are not clearly entitled, thus giving no pretense for such dangerous usurpations, Alabama may not in the future have cause of apprehension, or grounds of complaint in this regard.

The preservation of the just rights of the States, as well as those of the Federal Government, is, in my judgment, essential to the maintenance of our Republican system of Constitutional Government; and every departure from these principles, established by our fathers, weakens the faith of the patriot and excites the fears of every friend of American freedom.

The diffusion of knowledge among the people promotes their prosperity and happiness, as well as the success of the government. The more universal and thorough their education the more permanent will be the government. We should, therefore, give such encouragement to the children of our State as may be consistent with other duties and obligations.

Governments are made by the people to secure their happiness, and to protect their rights, and it is the duty of those who may be selected to administer them to do so with reference to the attainment of these ends. So far as it may be in my power as the Governor of the State of Alabama I shall regard it as a sacred duty unceasingly to use all proper means for the accomplishment of these grand purposes.

"With malice toward none, and charity for all," the citizens of Alabama truly desire peace and a perfect restoration of fraternal relations between all sections of our common country. They are loyal to the Government of the United States, and will readily yield a cheerful obedience to its authority and laws. They only ask to be permitted, under the Constitution and laws of the country, to exercise, secure from unwarrantable interference, the right of governing themselves at home by a just and wisely exercised right of local self-government.

Fellow-citizens, I have thus briefly and imperfectly indicated the line of policy which I, as the chief executive officer of the State, will feel it my duty to pursue in the administration of the State Government. It only remains for me to reassure you of my unalterable purpose firmly and faithfully to discharge my duty towards all the people of the State, invoking in this behalf the aid of an all-wise and kind Providence.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

LIFE AND LABORS OF MR. BRASSEY—1805-1870. By Sir ARTHUR HELPS, K. C. B., with a preface to the American edition by the author. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS. 1874.

In his preface to the American edition of this book, Sir Arthur Helps says that he offers it to the American people not as an example of great success in life, in the sense in which the word "success" is usually understood; but as the memoir of one in whom an abiding sense of duty was predominant; who was ever ready to make any sacrifice for the sake of honor; and who, thereby, won and maintained the implicit confidence of the public. Mr. Brassey's name is associated with some of the greatest engineering works of the present century, and with the construction of railroads, not in Great Britain only, but in North and South America, Asia, Australia, and various parts of the Continent of Europe. The career, therefore, of such a man cannot but be instructive, especially to a practical people.

His biographer has, with good judgment, dwelt very briefly upon Mr. Brassey's early career. He tells us that he was a member of one of the good old Cheshire families, many of which still cherish the homes that were occupied by their ancestors centuries ago. He was educated at Chester, and at sixteen years of age became apprentice to a land surveyor named Lawton. In this position he rendered useful assistance to the survey of the road between Shrewsbury and Holyhead, of which the celebrated Telford was engineer, and he speedily became a great favorite with everybody with whom he was brought in contact. At the termination of his apprenticeship, he was taken into partnership by Mr. Lawton, who diedshortly after, and left him in sole charge of a large business. A few years afterward he met George Stephenson. The latter was at this time engaged on the Sankey viaduct, and he held some negotiations with Mr. Brassey for a supply of stone from some quarries of which the latter had the management. So pleased was Stephenson with his young acquaintance that he induced him to tender for a contract on the Grand Junction road, but being £50,000 higher than the lowest offer, he was unsuccessful. But another opportunity presently offered, and owing to the disinterested liberality of his bankers, Mr. Brassey was enabled to apply for and to obtain a contract for the Penkridge viaduct between Stafford and Wolverhampton. This was in the year 1834, and it was Mr. Brassey's first railway work, he being then twenty-nine years of age. Railway-making in those days was surrounded by difficulties which are now unknown, but these were surmounted with consummate skill, and Mr. Brassey completed his undertaking successfully.

Soon after this he went to London, where, in connection with Mr. Locke, he entered upon some large contracts for the London and Southampton Railway, and began the career which soon led him into the great operations that extended, as we have said, over a large portion of the world. This wide expansion of his business rendered new methods of working necessary; and it is to Mr. Brassey more than any one else that the development of the system of sub-contracts is due, he furnishing, in the first instance, all the materials and all the plant, the subcontractors supplying manual labor only. These men did not exactly contract with him, but he appointed them to their work, telling them what price he should give for it—a remarkable illustration of the just character of the man, and of the confidence which, on that account, his people had in him.

"One of his subcontractors thus describes the process: 'He did not ask him any question. He said, "There is a piece of work for you. Will you go into that? You will have so much for it." And then they accepted it, and went to work.'"

It is doubtful whether, under ordinary circumstances, contractors would like to undertake work in such a manner, but Mr. Brassey was a strictly upright man, and his uprightness was implicitly trusted. His custom was at that time to go round among the subcontractors twice a week, and these men knew that at these visits any grievance would be made right without an appeal from them. One of these occasions is thus described:

"If a cutting taken to be clay turned out, after a short time, to be rock, the subcontractor might be getting disheartened; yet he still persevered, looking to the time when Mr. Brassey would come. He came walking along the line, as usual, with a number of followers, and on coming to the cutting he looked around, counted the number of wagons at the work, scanned the cutting, and took stock of the nature of the stuff. 'This is very hard,' he said to the subcontractor. 'Yes, it's a pretty deal harder than I bargained for.' Mr. Brassey would linger behind, allowing the others to go on, and then began the following conversation: 'What is your price for this cutting?' 'So much a yard, sir.' 'It is very evident that you are not getting it out for that price. Have you asked for any advance to be made to you for this rock?' 'Yes, Sir, but I can make no sense of them.' 'If you say that your price is so much, it is quite clear that you do not do it for that. I am glad that you have persevered with it, but I shall not alter your price; it must remain as it is, but the rock must be measured for you twice; will that do for you?' 'Yes, very well indeed, and I am very much obliged to you, Sir.' 'Very well, go on; you have done well in persevering and I shall look to you again.'"

It is stated that one of these visits of inspection would often cost Mr. Brassey a thousand pounds. The subcontracts usually varied from £5,000 to £25,000, the number of men employed in each being from one to three hundred. Mr. Brassey always favored the co-operative system, constantly giving a certain share of the profits to his agents, and "thus making them partakers in the success or failure of the enterprise." He also approved the 'butty gang' system, under which certain work is let to a gang of from ten to thirteen men, the proceeds being divided equally among them, something extra being allowed to the head man.

About the year 1830, the French, noting the success of the new railroads in England, came to the conclusion that similar means of communication would be advantageous to France. The first that suggested itself was one to facilitate the transit between Paris and London, and thus the road to Rouen was planned. But the Directors found themselves so greatly at a loss how to proceed, that they applied for help to the London and Southampton Directors, and with so much success that very soon a joint company was formed, and Mr. Locke was appointed engineer in chief. But it was soon found that French contractors were quite unable to undertake the works, and in that emergency English contractors were invited by the French Board to go to France and enter into the competition. The consequence was that Mr. Brassey, in association with the late Mr. Mackenzie, secured the execution of the works, which being begun in 1841 were opened in 1843, and formed the first important line on the soil of France. This was the beginning of Mr. Brassey's foreign contracts, which rapidly increased with the development of railroads, and served to leave the mark of his genius in so many places. It was soon found that continental workmen were of comparatively little value, and accordingly large armies of English navvies had to be imported. The manner in which these men got along with and ruled and ordered the Frenchmen, without any knowledge of the language, is a curious page in the book. For besides English and French, there were natives of Ireland, the Scottish Highlands, Wales, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Piedmont, and even Spain and Poland, employed upon the line, all acting under English guidance. It appears to have astonished none more than the French themselves, as may be judged from the following statement made to Sir Arthur Helps by one of Mr. Brassey's timekeepers. He said:

"I think as fine a spectacle as any man could witness, who is accustomed to look at work, is to see a cutting in full operation with about twenty wagons being filled, every man at his post, every man with his shirt open, working in the heat of the sun, the engine looking about and everything going like clockwork. Such an exhibition of physical power attracted many French gentlemen, who came on to the cutting at Paris and Rouen, and looking at these English workmen with astonishment said: 'Mon Dieu! les Anglais, comme ils travaillent.' Another thing that called forth remark, was the complete silence that prevailed among the men. It was a fine sight to see the Englishmen that were there with their muscular arms and hands, hairy and brown."

Between the years 1834 and 1870 the number of contracts undertaken by Mr. Brassey in Great Britain alone was about 130, besides other large works in France, Italy, Norway, Austria, Holland, Canada, Denmark, Spain, India, Mauritius, Russia, Peru, Queensland, Prussia, and the Argentine Republic. Most of them were for railroads, that in Canada including, what is, all things considered, the greatest engineering triumph on this continent—the Victoria Bridge of the Grand Trunk Railway. But his attention was not given exclusively to railroads. The Victoria Docks in London, the Birkenhead Docks, the Callao Docks, the London Metropolitan mid-level sewer, the Calcutta Water-works, and a large part of the Thames Embankment were constructed by Mr. Brassey. There were periods in his career, says his biographer, when he and his partners were giving employment to 80,000 persons, upon works requiring seventeen millions (sterling) of capital for their completion. For a description of the details involved in many of these works, of the energy and power of conception and organization necessary to a successful issue, we must refer to Sir Arthur Helps. He has given them with sufficient brevity not to be wearying, and with sufficient completeness to convey a very perfect idea of the magnitude of Mr. Brassey's powers. We shall refer only for a moment to the railroad built in the Crimea for the use of the army during the war between England and Russia. The necessity for this road being recognized by the Government, the greatest patriotism was evinced by the leading contractors, at whose head at that time stood Mr. Brassey and Sir Morton Peto. All assisted in the cause. Every railway company seconded their efforts. Stores were openend for free use at cost price, and the services of the best men were given to the Government without charge. It was under these circumstances, and chiefly by Mr. Brassey's counsel, that in an unprecedentedly short time twenty-three large steamers with men, horses, railway engines, commissariat, and other stores were dispatched; and within the first twelve days of the arrival of the first convoy, seven miles of a substantial road were completed. The line when finished was thirty-nine and one quarter miles long, it was laid to every part of the front, and seventeen locomotives were constantly engaged upon it in the conveyance of stores, &c.

With engagements so extensive, Mr. Brassey necessarily derived a large experience in the labor of the various nationalities where his works were situated. The chapter upon this subject is extremely interesting. In the supply of railway men England had a great advantage over other countries. For a long time previously to the introduction of railroads there, a great deal had been done in the construction of solid mail roads everywhere throughout the country, and of canals. These proved an excellent school for the training of workmen of the highest class. The word "navvy," which has become adopted into the language, is an abbreviation of "navigator," the term formerly given to the men who excavated the canals, but the foundation of all of the best of these men was the agricultural laborer, and the amount of work done by them seems almost extraordinary. Sir Arthur Helps gives some information upon this, derived from Mr. Ballard, an authority of large experience and close observation:

"He states as his opinion that the labor which a navvy performs exceeds in severity almost any other description of work. He says that a full day's work consists of fourteen sets a day. A 'set' is a number of wagons—in fact a train. There are two men to a wagon. If the wagon goes out fourteen times each man has to fill seven wagons in the course of the day. Each wagon contains two and a quarter cubic yards. The result is that each man has to lift nearly twenty tons weight of earth on a shovel over his head into a wagon. The height of the lifting is about six feet. This is taking it at fourteen sets a day; but the navvies sometimes contrive to get through sixteen sets, and there are some men who will accomplish that astonishing quantity of work by three or four in the afternoon, a result which, I believe, is not nearly equaled by the workmen of any other country in the world."

In Italy a great difference was found as regards the character and mode of working of the different races who now constitute the Italian nationality. The Piedmontese were good, especially in rock cutting. The Neapolitans would come in troops of perhaps a thousand laborers, under the leadership of a head man, and they would take a considerable length of earthworks to execute. But they would not take heavy work. As a rule the inhabitants of the mountainous districts and those living on poor lands were better workmen than those who occupied the low countries. The men from Lucca were placed midway between the Neapolitans and the Piedmontese.

In view of all that has of late been said concerning the respective merits of the French and the Germans, Mr. Brassey's experience of them is curious. It was the opinion of himself and his colleagues that the Germans had less endurance than the French, though it must be noted that the Germans employed by them were chiefly Bavarians. The Belgians are described as very good workers, but their system was quite novel and far inferior to the English. In a letter written to Sir Arthur Helps by Mr. Hawkshaw, the engineer, on the value of unskilled labor in different parts of the world, he says:

"I have arrived at the conclusion that the cost is much the same in all. I have had personal experience in South America, in Russia, and in Holland, as well as in my own country; and as consulting engineer to some of the Indian and other foreign railways I am pretty well acquainted with the value of Hindoo and other labor; and although an English laborer will do a larger amount of work than a Creole or Hindoo, yet you have to pay them proportionately higher wages. Dutch laborers are, I think, as good as English, or nearly so, and Russian workmen are docile and easily taught, and readily adopt every method shown to them to be better than their own."

The estimates thus formed by Mr. Brassey and the many eminently practical men whom he had at all times about him, of the national characteristics of the people with whom they came in contact, are of great value. They were one of the results of that intimate association which large business transactions, made not by correspondence but always in person, can alone attain.

Mr. Brassey died a rich man, although there were times in his career when the state of his finances was anything but flourishing. His financial system was another remarkable instance of his faith in personal integrity, and his shrewd judgment of character. We have seen the implicit faith which those who acted under him had in Mr. Brassey's honor, and it was never, even in the most trifling object, deceived. But Mr. Brassey had exactly the same trust in those whom he employed, and it is not known that he ever misjudged his men. This enabled him to adopt a financial system of the simplest kind. The accounts on each undertaking were purely local. On each contract the agent was responsible to Mr. Brassey for all moneys received, and Mr. Brassey looked to that agent to be ready at any moment to give him any information whatever with regard both to the accounts and to how the contract was being carried out. He kept no regular check nor any general account for his entire business. Mr. Tapp, who was Mr. Brassey's financial secretary and confidential adviser, on being asked whether, in his opinion, the honest service which Mr. Brassey thus received from his agents could be taken as a proof of the general honesty of mankind, replied that he did not; but he added: "I think it much more rather shows that he placed so much confidence in those whom he employed, and put them, as it were, so much upon their honor, that they would not deceive him; and that people who would not have acted uprightly with other people did so with him because they felt responsible to him, and also a certain amount of pride in being confided in by him to such an extent that they really carried on their business as if it was their own."

Of all the foreigners with whom Mr. Brassey had to deal, the Spaniards, as might be expected, gave him the most trouble in money arrangements, and he suffered some heavy losses in Spain. But it was in 1866 that financial disasters fell most heavily upon him. They gathered round him in all directions, and they were overcome mainly by his indomitable perseverance in completng his contracts against all obstacles and at all hazards. All his losses were made good, all his liabilities were honorably liquidated, and he had time left him to accumulate wealth. It was not, however, from excessive gains, Mr. Arthur Helps tells us, in any one transaction, or even in several transactions, that his fortune sprang. Mr. Brassey was a man of very small personal expenses. He hated all luxury and ostentation, keeping only a moderate establishment, which the increase of his means never induced him to extend. The immense extent of his business gave him necessarily extensive returns; but, says his biographer:

"It will perhaps surprise the reader to learn the small percentage of profits which accrued to him from all his enterprises, taken as a whole. It was as nearly as possible three per cent. He laid out seventy-eight millions sterling of other people's money, and upon that outlay retained about two millions and a half. The rest of his fortune consisted of accumulations."

We have thus far touched upon the most salient features only of this remarkable book—remarkable less on account of its literary merit, which, however, is considerable, than as presenting a practical illustration of the value of unblemished moral rectitude in the fulfilment of great business undertakings. We shall not dwell upon the lesson thus conveyed, but refer it in the original to the more careful consideration of the reader. Nor shall we touch upon those chapters which refer more especially to Mr. Brassey's private life, and his love for artistic refinement. All, nevertheless, are replete with interest, and in especially commending the book to public attention, we do so believing that, more than any other which has recently fallen in our way, it will afford ample gratification, much valuable information, especially on the early history of railroad development, and a wide scope for thoughtful consideration to all classes of readers.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Birth and Triumph of Love. New-York: G. W. Carleton & Co.

Life and Adventures of Paul Jones. New-York: Dodd & Mead.

From My Youth Up. New-York: G. W. Carleton & Co.

Our Helen. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

Grace for Grace. New-York: Dodd & Mead.

A Ramble Round the World. London and New-York: Macmillan & Co.

Hebrew History. New-York: D. Appleton & Co.

The Chamber of Peace. New-York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.

The King of No-Land. New-York: Harper & Brothers.

FOREIGN NOTES.

An Irish correspondent says that the Home Rule party of City and County Limerick are now completely divided into two sections, the ultra or Fenian Home Rulers and the moderate or Federal Nationalists. Stormy scenes have taken place at some of the recent meetings in consequence.

A conference of the Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce has been held at Bradford, to consider the proposed reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States. Nine important towns were represented. Mr. Ripley, M. P., in moving that a memorial be presented to the Home Government on the subject, condemned the treaty, and urged the importance of Government taking care that no lower duties should be imposed in Canada or any other British colony upon articles the produce or manufacture of the United States or any foreign country, than were imposed upon articles the produce or manufacture of Great Britain. The memorial, which embodied these views, was adopted unanimously. The fact that the negotiations had gone so far without the knowledge of the commercial world, was referred to as showing the necessity for the appointment of a Minister of Commerce.

An interesting discovery has just been made in Canterbury Cathedral. On removing some wooden stalls and paneling of the time of Charles II., Sir Gilbert Scott has found a row of stone stalls with overhanging ornamental canopies, and that the back of the seats was decorated with a beautiful broad band of green, sprinkled with gold stars. On a further removal of a section of the present oak stalls, the old Norman stone seats were more distinctly seen, and, although only a small portion of the woodwork was taken down, enough was laid bare to satisfy the architect that some very interesting ancient workmanship had been hidden behind and under the modern oak fittings that fill the whole length of the choir. It is supposed that some of the stones which formed the seats, have been moved to serve as foundations in other and later parts of the structure. This interesting work is pronounced by Sir Gilbert to be of the end of the thirteenth century, for which the Cathedral was indebted to Henry de Estria (Eastry), who was Prior from 1285 to 1331, and who, among other additions that he made to the Cathedral, erected the fine large window in St. Anselm's chapel.

NEW-YORKERS ARRESTED IN MONTREAL.

The Montreal *Witness* of Friday last gives the following details of the arrest in that city of two New-Yorkers, whose capture has been already briefly reported by telegraph:

"Last night Isidore Bowman and Sallo Haerring, formerly skirt manufacturers of No. 27 Great Jones street, New-York, were arrested on a capias for $5,000, issued at the instance of the New-York dry-goods firm of Whitman, Phelps & Co. Bowman and Haerring had only been in the city about a week, and were stopping with Mr. H. Hirshfield, of Cadieux street. It is alleged that these gentlemen were defrauding their creditors, a large number of New-York firms, by secreting their effects, and that a quantity of their goods were conveyed to this city, and placed in the warehouse of Mr. Nelson Davis, in the name of Sophia Borchard. A *saisie arret* for $1,900 has been taken on the goods by the New-York firm of Haynes, Bacon & Co., Messrs. Gilman and Holton instituted the legal proceedings on behalf of the plaintiffs, a New-York lawyer and a detective coming on with the necessary powers of attorney and other documents. Bowman & Haerring were liberated on bail this morning. They have, it is stated, run into debt in New-York to a large amount. Among their other creditors are the dry goods firms of L. Dreifuss & Co., Dexter, Abbott & Co., Sweetser, Pembrook & Co., and Alexander, King & Co. It is stated they have a very comfortable deposit in a Montreal bank.

HORSE DISEASE IN OHIO.

A disease far more fatal than the epizootic, which raged so fearfully and with such disastrous results among horses, has broken out in portions of Ohio. At Akron over seventy horses are affected and about twenty-five or thirty have died from it. The *Beacon*, of the above-named place, says that among the symptoms of the disease a staggering gait and loss of appetite seem to be the most prominent and prevalent, accompanied with a violent cough and fever. Post-mortem examinations have shown that the lungs were particularly affected, these being black and rotten. A great deal of inflammation was noticed about the case of the heart, and the condition of the liver evidenced a great deal of bile in the blood. The mucous membrane was also highly inflamed; in fact a shattered state of the system was manifested. The loss of appetite, a leading veterinary surgeon contends, is the first dreaded note of the disease, for as the animal refuses to take nourishment and drink it is almost impossible, in many cases, to effect a cure. The fatal cases in Akron thus far have had a run of eight days, and as the weather grows colder the fatality increases.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

The collection of bric-a-brac, paintings, antiques, china, porcelain, engravings, bronzes, silverware, books, clocks, jewelry, now at "The Dickens Curiosity Shop," No. 691 Broadway, is to be sold at auction by Mr. E. Somerville, the sale commencing on Tuesday next. The collection is well worthy of notice, some of the pictures being of value. Among the old china and porcelain will be found some extremely curious pieces.

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 1874.

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FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—THE HEART OF MID-LOTHIAN.—Mr. Louis James, Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. James Lewis, Miss Fanny Davenport.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—JANE EYRE.—Miss Charlotte Thompson, Miss Fanny Morant, Mr. M. Rankin.

PARK THEATRE.—THE GILDED AGE.—Mr. John T. Raymond, Miss Gertrude Kellogg.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—RED TAPE.—THE WIDOW HUNT.—Mr. John S. Clarke.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—BLACK CROOK.—Miss Emma Weathersby, Mrs. A. K. Bowler, Mr. Atkins.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—LE GRAND DUCHESSE.—(Opera Bouffe)—Miss Emily Soldene.

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ASSOCIATION HALL.—DRAMATIC READINGS by Miss Margaret E. Moore.

DE GARMO HALL.—LECTURE by Mr. J. N. Pattison—"Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn."

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This morning THE DAILY TIMES *consists of* TEN PAGES. *Every news-dealer is bound to deliver the paper in its complete form, and any failure to do so should be reported at the publication office.*

The first year of TWEED'S sentence has expired, and he now demands his discharge from prison. His counsel are prepared to contend that Judge DAVIS' series of sentences to one year's imprisonment on each count was illegal, and must therefore be void. The question is likely to be argued on Wednesday, and if we were disposed to make a prediction on the subject, we should express the opinion that TWEED will secure his release. The lawyers seem generally inclined to think that he has a strong technical case. We shall, however, know a little more about it in the course of a few days. Whether TWEED is released or not, the *system* which he founded is likely to last, and is at this moment being very successfully worked by the new Boss, JOHN KELLY.

It will be remembered that last week Mr. TILTON'S counsel moved that the libel suit of Mr. BEECHER against Mr. TILTON be set down for the same day, (next Tuesday,) as the civil suit, in order that if Mr. BEECHER was not ready to go on with one suit the other might be taken up. This was resisted by Mr. WINSLOW, the District Attorney, and the Court yesterday announced that it declined to interfere with Mr. WINSLOW'S conduct of the case. The desire of Mr. BEECHER and his counsel to get his case before a jury—which we all know is very ardent—will, therefore, be doomed to another disappointment.

With the opening of the French Assembly comes another missive from the Comte DE CHAMBORD. The Legitimists have been ordered to do nothing "liable to delay the restoration of the Monarchy." That means that they must refuse to consolidate the powers of the Septennate, and the Extreme Right is, therefore, enjoined against voting for the constitutional bills. In fact, the command ought to be binding on all sections of the Right, for, if the Orleanists were sincere in the "fusion" negotiation, they must regard "HENRI V" as the rightful King of France, and must be guided by the course which he declares to be incumbent on every Royalist. On the whole, there is a fair prospect that the coming session of the French Assembly will be wasted in the same fruitless disputes which marked the last, and that from sheer inability to advance, the Assembly will be forced to decree its own dissolution, leaving the business of Constitution-making to its successor. As Marshal MACMAHON has declared that he will not rest his Government on the support of the Republicans, and as the Conservative factions of the Right are again likely to prove their incapacity to give the Marshalate the powers it demands, it might be supposed that the President would throw his influence into the scale of immediate dissolution.

The rôle of the colored parsons in politics in South Carolina appears to be, according to their own interpretation of it, somewhat arbitrary. Rev. Mr. JACKSON, an enthusiastic preacher and politician in Charleston, has stricken from the list of the members of his church all who voted the Independent Republican ticket in the recent election.

From Delaware we have a singular story about a jury. A murder case was tried last week, in Newcastle, the accused being acquitted. One of the jurors confesses that a verdict was reached only by exhausting the powers of endurance of the jurymen. He says that they were kept without food for fifty-eight hours, and that, at the end of that time, four men who would have refused to concur in the verdict of acquittal, consented to keep still while the foreman reported that the jury were agreed. That is to say, these four jurymen, who had sworn to give a verdict in accordance with the law and evidence, finally consented to silently agree to a verdict exactly contrary to what they believed to be law and evidence. Delaware occasionally sends us some curious items in criminal jurisprudence; but it has been a long time since we had from any part of the United States so pointed an illustration of the so-called "farce of jury trials" as this curious narrative from Newcastle.

Examination of the draft of the new treaty between China and Japan shows that all that the latter nation fought for has been gained. The Island of Formosa was a sort of debatable ground, holding a nominal allegiance to China, but really ruled by independent tribal chiefs. Strangers were maltreated, and shipwrecked mariners were massacred or carried into the interior as prisoners. Japan sent a naval and military force, whipped the Formosans soundly, or, at least, terrified them into a respect for the Japanese flag. China was at first indignant at this "invasion" of its territory, but finally saw the justice of administering discipline to a half-savage people, whose nominal ruler had permitted them to become a scourge and a terror. China now pays Japan a sum supposed to be equal to the expenses of the expedition, and, what is more important, agrees to govern the island in future in such a manner as to insure the safety and well-being of foreigners who land there. This is a triumph of diplomacy; and, though people of Western countries are accused of being a little oversanguine about Japanese progress in civilization, this whole affair may very justly be said to reflect great credit on the enlightened statesmanship of the Empire.

The meeting of the striking 'longshoremen last night was characterized by great moderation and fairness of spirit. Most of the "outside" speakers counseled compromise, in view of hard times and the overstocked labor market. But a presentation of the case, made by one of the prominent men in the movement, threw a new light on the view from the 'longshoreman's standpoint. According to his theory, the strike is not so much directed against ship-owners and agents as against stevedores. These middlemen—as they may be considered—made contracts last Summer at rates which render it impossible for them to pay the usual wages drawn by the 'longshoremen. Hence the reduction and the strike which followed it. This statement changes the aspect of the case, especially as it is alleged that the rates made in the contracts of the stevedores were not dictated by the ship-owners, but were proffered by the stevedores. But while, if this be true, it makes the motive of the 'longshoremen more intelligible, we do not see how the apparent hopelessness of the strike is modified by it. Even if these nine or ten thousand laborers have been treated unfairly, it is difficult to see how their renewed promise to continue the strike is likely to bring them a triumph now.

MAYOR HAVEMEYER.

Since poor Mr. GREELEY died the victim of a wretched experiment, no public man has departed amid circumstances so sad as those which marked the death of Mayor HAVEMEYER. And yet there is something in the sudden and dramatic ending of such a career which befitted the character of the man. Strong-willed, choleric, and full of the pride of a vigorous old age, it would have been a terrible ordeal for Mr. HAVEMEYER to have felt his faculties ebbing away from him, and to have been left stranded in decrepitude awaiting the inevitable end. He has departed in the midst of struggle and toil and active political warfare, with the consciousness of power and public dignity left him to the last.

In the presence of sudden death, criticism on Mayor HAVEMEYER'S public career must be silent. Years hence he may be judged more leniently or more severely than we have judged him, just in proportion as coming events may bring out in stronger relief the opportunities he abused or the reforms to which he remained true. It is conceivable that there may be an era of misgovernment in store for New-York, in contrast with which the administration of Mayor HAVEMEYER, with all its turbulence, eccentricities, and faults, may appear admirable. Let us give the dead man the benefit of the doubt, for after all, many of his worst blunders were committed with an honest intent, and the character of the deceased Mayor was blurred by faults of constitution more than by those of deliberate intention. He was never deficient in the courage of his convictions, such as they were, and his robust honesty of character saved him from the charge of being consciously unjust or servile for a purpose. He worked like a slave at the dreary routine of his office, and yet had energy enough to spare to engage in controversies that would have worried and depressed most men in the full vigor of life. He heartily enjoyed the surprises which he gave the public, and adverse criticism goaded him into fresh eccentricities instead of causing him to reflect that he might be in the wrong. With a higher standard of public duty and personal association, he might have been the best Mayor which New-York has seen for many a day. As it was he has made a record which can only be left to speak for itself.

In business, Mr. HAVEMEYER attained the success due to hard, unremitting labor, patient thrift, and cautiously conservative policy. He was simple in his mode of living and rigidly careful of his money; but he did many generous things, which those whom he befriended will remember long after he has gone. There are successful men in New-York to-day who largely owe their success to the timely aid of WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER. In commercial life, he was seldom mistaken in the capacity of his friends, and those to whom he took a liking secured his unwavering confidence. He came of a sturdy, long-lived race, whose ambition was to attain a solid respectability and keep it. He seldom knew what it was to have a day's illness, and he would have scorned the suggestion that the wear and tear of a troubled public career might impair the elasticity of a splendid physique. And even now, it is not absolutely certain that it did so. His brother died recently from the effects of an apopletic stroke, and the same hereditary predisposition might have proved fatal to the Mayor at this time had he never left the retirement of his private business. Still, the spectacle of a strong man struck down near the close of an exciting political career suggests the conclusion that the public life of to-day is even more exacting in its demands than our feverish commercial activity, and that he who would occupy a prominent public position would do well to cultivate that even balance of character and of conduct which disarms adverse criticism, and helps to neutralize the worry which adds to work the element that kills.

HOPEFUL SIGNS IN THE WEST.

The reports which come to us of the prosperity of the North-west must be very surprising to many of our readers who are feeling the pressure of dull times here. To hear that Chicago had received $7,000,000 more for her corn, or an increase of fifty per cent. over last year, with six weeks' supply yet due, is certainly cheering news. The supply of hogs, which is one great source of business in the North-west, is equally in advance of last year, and it is estimated will yield to Chicago alone sales to the amount of $85,000,000. The whole West has had a bountiful wheat harvest, and though the price is low, the deficit is made up by the higher price of other grains.

But cheap flour means to all other portions of the country an increase of purchasing power. For, whatever be the price, the laboring classes of all sections must have their bread as usual. No workman ever economizes in bread. Americans have not much learned to use other substitutes. The poorest laborer will always have his barrel of good flour. Now, a gain to him of twenty-five or fifty per cent. in his bread at once adds to his means for other purchases. The laboring class is, of course, the most important, numerically, in every country. Whatever helps them helps all. But every class feels the cheapening of breadstuffs, and in so far is better off. Each individual has so much more means to buy with from others, or so much more to save, which goes again into reproduction. And, what the Western producer of course seldom sees, cheap wheat comes back to him in lower prices of commodities. The Eastern manufacturer produces his clothing, or machinery, or whatever the Western farmer needs and must have, at lower cost on account of cheaper food. He finds that he can pay lower wages, or that what he pays costs less, as the expenses of production are less, so that his manufactures are put on the market at lower rates. The railroads which convey commodities to the farmer can reduce freights, because all expenses are cheapened by cheap food. And thus finally the farmer more than receives back his loss on his product, in the lower prices of all articles consumed. But such a process takes time, and before the cheapening effects of a plentiful harvest reach the farmer he usually feels the loss only of his lower receipts. Most persons at the East expected that the present Winter would be a severe one to the West, on account of the low price of wheat. But the extraordinary advantage of this country is the variety of its production. One cereal may be plentiful and another have a limited crop. Want in one portion may be balanced by abundance in another. Cotton may be a small crop and wheat a good one; or wheat may fail in one quarter and yield flourishing crops in another.

This year the high price of corn and other grains made up to the West the low price of wheat. Before the season is out the return wave of profit from the lower price of breadstuffs of all commodities will reach the farmers. They will be doubly benefited. Moreover the Western farmers, like all sensible persons through the country, have been cutting down expenses and economizing in every possible way. The healthful consequence appears there before it does here, because the Western farmers are pre-eminently the producing class of the country. The producers of the North-west began the season of 1874 with more cash in hand than had ever been known before. Their savings constituted a new capital. The whole Western country was richer than in any previous year. Mortgages have been paid, debts wiped off, and the West is ready now for a new career of profitable business. A trustworthy Western authority estimates the cash which will pass through Chicago alone to the hands of producers, this Winter, as $151,000,000.

All this will, no doubt, pass at once into the form of machinery, clothing, and other necessities for the farms. It will freshen business at the East. Less than usual of the Western savings will probably go to the purchase of new lands, as no new railroads can be expected, and speculation is dull in frontier land. More will be returned to the East, in demand for manufactures and luxuries. This opening of prosperity is not confined to Chicago and the North-west. Other portions are said, by competent authorities, to be even more flourishing, and the current of emigration is mainly toward the South-west. All these are signs in the sky of the fair weather soon to appear in our Eastern business affairs. Economy and prudence will soon make apparent here their appropriate results. We are now better off than we know. The basis of all wealth and prosperity is the condition of the farming class. This, both here and at the West, is prosperous. Soon from this must come a new demand for commodities, new business, and our old prosperity.

A NEW PLATFORM FOR AN OLD PARTY.

It is well known that the leaders of the Democracy are busily concocting plans and platforms for the party during the next two years. They fear the unruly steed they are driving may bolt out of the traces unless he is properly provided with blinders and curbs. The majority they hope for in 1876 is not sufficiently large to make slight losses matters of no moment. They fully appreciate the advantages of union now, if they failed to do so in 1861. It has seemed essential to prepare a platform on which every Democrat could stand, but the necessity and the difficulty of the task are about equal. The gold-edged Democrat of the East is unwilling to admit that the greenback-lined brother from the West is the legitimate offspring of Father JEFFERSON, and the Westerner reciprocates the doubt. The Democrat who has fashioned for himself a nice little political god in the likeness of HERBERT SPENCER, and cries "Hands off!" to the State, is unable to sympathize with the Democrat who comes to Washington like a confiding child and begs Papa Government to build him a couple of railroads, and dig a ship-canal from his barn to tide-water. The Democrat from Pennsylvania, who thinks that the decay of the Celestial Kingdom dates from the day when she cut a hole or two in the Chinese wall and began to buy foreign goods cheaply, looks coldly upon the Democrat from Illinois who proposes to abolish the tariff at one fell swoop on the first Monday in December, 1875. Then there is the Democrat who wants to reform the civil service by putting out the bad clerks and keeping in the good, and the Democrat who quite agrees with him, except that he thinks "bad" and "Republican" are synonymous; and then, again, there is the Democrat who shudders at the thought of abandoning the time-honored party dogma, "To the victors belong the spoils." This question of spoils is in fact most serious. The election of LINCOLN resulted in a great diminution of the income of the average Democrat. When the streams of Government bounty ran dry, he sat a-thirsty. There are any number of old war-horses who have been reduced since then to the painful necessity of snuffing the bottle afar off, instead of near at hand. These are now all prancing with whatever speed their stiffened joints can make toward the public crib. To make them serviceable, they must be fed. But how, then, will civil service reform fare?

The leaders have taken up their task of platform-making bravely. They know that one of the ways in which politics resembles misery is in its making strange bedfellows. But they know that the bed must not be Procrustean. The short man will not have his ideas added to; the long man will not have his mental extremes lopped off. One wily politician suggested that a party creed should be prepared on the plan of those signs which have their letters painted on the sides and front of thin slats, and read one way to the observer across the street, another from the right hand, and still another from the left. It was justly argued that three different views of the same subject ought to be variety enough for any party. The impossibility of making it sure, however, that the right view should always be turned toward the right man, and the wrong view to the wrong man, and the middle view to the compromise man, caused the rejection of this ingenious idea. It has finally been unanimously decided that, since the function of language is to conceal thought, a platform should be prepared on the plan so much in vogue of late, which should resemble St. Paul, in being all things to all men. We understand that two of the planks will be substantially as follows, (it will be noticed that a hint has been taken from a convention which met in an interior city about two years ago:)

Resolved, That the tariff should be so adjusted that the best interests of the country shall be subserved thereby, and that it shall be left to the Congressional districts to decide, each for itself, how this may best be effected.

Resolved, That the people should be supplied with the best possible currency, and that each Congressional district shall be asked to decide what sort it would prefer.

A platform of this pattern is expected to give room enough for everybody to stand on. To be sure, the success of the Cincinnati experiment of shirking decided opinions is not encouraging, but hope gilds the future of the Democracy. The party leaders forget, however, that a man is what his past life has made him, and that the same truth holds good of a collection of men. Whatever milk-and-water dose they may give their organization now, the scent of the Bourbon will hang round it still.

KEEPING PEOPLE HONEST.

On a corner of Broadway, almost in sight of THE TIMES office, is a little costermonger's stand, made only of two or three planks upon trestles; but over the end of this rude counter which is nearest the great stream of wayfarers, and where nuts are exposed for sale, is an elaborate net-work covering of wire. Plainly enough this rather expensive contrivance is to protect its owner from the pilfering propensities of the passers-by; or as the man himself said, it is to keep people honest. The necessity for such protection here is rather new, that is, it has made itself felt only within about fifteen years. But a deduction from it that the general tone of honesty had been very much lowered during or immediately before that time, although it might be consistent with the fact, would not be logically justifiable. For the numbers of honest and dishonest men in the world at any one time bear to each other a certain proportion. Supposing, then, that the dishonest are as one in a thousand; for every thousand inhabitants added to a city there would be one more chance of thieving to be provided against. But the increase of the numbers of dishonest men in cities is not in simple proportion, but almost in geometrical proportion, to their growth. Not only do thieves and rogues flock to them, but shifty, adventurous folk, who live as they can, and get on by hook or by crook, without much regard to principle. Plainly a hundred such people pass our costermonger's corner now for one that did so twenty-five years ago; the reason being not a greater moral depravity in the whole country; but the simple increase of the number of people who pass his corner, and the concentration of unprincipled people in a large City.

But the effort of our little trader in nuts and apples to protect himself against peculation is but a part of a general system which has come into vogue within the memory of middle-aged men. The ingenious traps through which we are obliged to filter our fare in all omnibuses and some railway cars, those hideous bell-punches with which conductors ring the knell of honesty through every minute of the day and night, the system of checks which is inflicted upon the buyer at every little shop in town—all this was unknown, or comparatively unknown, in that period which we shall soon begin to look back upon as our golden age in more senses than one—before the war. It has come upon us so gradually, although not so very slowly, that we are apt to forget that only a few years ago we went through our day without being reminded continually that the man with whom we were dealing might be a thief. For that is about what all this money-trapping and bell-punching and checking amounts to. It says that the man with whom you are dealing may be a very honest man, but the chances are so great that he is a thief that we must set a watch upon him, and not only so, but the chances that all men around you are thieves are so great that we must set upon him, not a living watch, but a mechanical one, one that cannot be bribed and that cannot lie. Looked at in its plain significance, this is very sad. It is almost as bad to see the conductors with their bell-punches round their necks as to see felons working with the ball and chain. But something had to be done. An omnibus driver, in a genial communicative mood, confessed not long ago to a gentleman who rode on the box and bestowed a drink upon him, that he was in the habit of "knocking down" (that is the cant phrase) about ten dollars a week. For a line of twenty omnibuses this would make an abstraction of more than ten thousand dollars in a year. And only on Saturday last a conductor was arrested on the charge of having, by the aid of a false bell-punch, abstracted ten dollars in a single day, a rate which would raise street railway peculation to hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly. But the loss on this occasion was doubtless estimated too high. Ten dollars is the fare of two hundred passengers; far too large a profit for a conductor to hope to secure without detection, bell-punch or none. These, however, are characteristic examples of the dishonesty against which employers have found it necessary to protect themselves. We may be sure that our great retail establishments would not keep up their expensive system of checks if it were not found necessary and profitable to do so. But it is somewhat humiliating to go into some little shop for a glass of soda, a toothpick, or a ribbon, and to receive a check for ten cents with one's right hand to be formally handed to a cashier on one's left.

The saddest reflection of all upon this subject is that these elaborate contrivances, from our poor costermonger's down, do not keep people honest. People may be kept from stealing by mechanical means or by fear of detection; but that does not keep them honest. For they cannot be kept in a condition in which they are not, and the only way to keep men honest is to make them honest to begin with. At least, that is the first condition of such keeping; which thereafter depends upon power to resist temptation, and being, in accordance with the great model prayer, delivered from it. Increase of population has doubtless brought dishonest people of all sorts from elsewhere in swarms upon us; but there can also be no doubt that the greed of money which has spread so widely of late years has actually increased the number, the positive proportion, of thieves and peculators. And all the mechanical contrivances in the world do no real good. They protect the employer as an iron safe would protect him; but they do not keep those whom he employs honest. Witness the fraudulent false contrivance with which the conductor "got round" the supposed unescapable bell-punch. While morals are at this stand with us checks must be used; but what is needed is some teaching or training that will raise our moral tone to what it was hardly a generation ago, and then we need not be reminded a dozen times a day that the man before us is kept from robbery or burglary by material checks and circumstances only.

CITY TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The City Board of Estimate and Apportionment, having reduced the estimated expenses of the public schools for 1875 by $380,000, it is intended that there shall be a very considerable decrease in teachers' salaries. It is, in fact, proposed to give the teachers, although they are really doing more labor than they were last year, $186,500 less than they then received. The salaries at present paid, as compared with those in other cities, are by no means high. The rank and file of the instructors get but small compensation. There are hundreds of women engaged in teaching in our City schools to whom a reduction of from thirty-five to fifty dollars would be almost disastrous. These laborious people are already so closely paid that it requires constant management to enable them to keep the wolf from the door. The School Commissioners appear to be of the opinion that the number of teachers must not be reduced in any case; but that a reduction of something like seven per cent. on salaries will be absolutely necessary they do believe. The average salary of teachers in the City does not exceed $750; it seems decidedly unwise to reduce the remuneration of any adult person, with others dependent on him or her, below that figure. The suggestion that the sum deducted from the estimate might be saved by discontinuing the services of all teachers in such special branches of instruction as German, French, and music, has not been received with marked favor as yet.

Men and women who follow the profession of instructors all their lives merit good incomes. They have but little time or chance to do extra work, of literary or other character; their whole time is usually concentrated upon their teaching, and this devotion and concentration increase their usefulness. They should be encouraged to remain at their posts, and should be made to feel that they are secured against want, and have an opportunity to lay by something for a rainy day. This they can hardly do as they are at present paid. The highest salary given to a male principal in this City is $3,000, by no means a fair sample of professional salaries in other lines of work. Three thousand dollars is "not the sea to drink," as the French say; it can be very readily exhausted in the necessary expenses of an economical family. In Cleveland, Ohio, where good board and rooms can be had at from $5 to $6 per week, the salaries are graded from $400 to $4,000. In Boston the head masters of the high and normal schools receive $3,500 for the first year and $4,000 during subsequent years. The principal of the High School in Charlestown, Mass., gets $3,500 yearly. The principals of the high and normal schools in Chicago receive $3,000 and $2,500, respectively; and the female assistants in those schools have $900 for the first, $1,000 for the second, and $1,100 for the third year. In some of these cities there is an occasional discussion of the reduction policy, but never on so general a scale as that proposed and perhaps already decided upon here. The result of the constant agitation of the subject of reducing the teachers' salaries in this City is to make the instructors keep a sharp lookout for other places, and an ungenerous policy would only end in making them lose that vital interest in their work which gives it value and brings good results.

Economy with regard to schools is poor economy, as a rule. A steady and gradual increase of the salaries of teachers in this City would end in improving the whole tone of the department, and securing permanency in the corps of instructors. There are other fields for retrenchment, where it can be applied to far better advantage. No city, as some one has wisely said, "ever has gone into bankruptcy because it expended too much for the education of its children."

ARMY WIVES.

To the average citizen, army life is, at best, irksome and dreary in time of peace, and hazardous and trying in time of war. The officer, however, gets the cream of it, so far as pay and furloughs make his service endurable. He may have his wife and children with him, and the deserts of Arizona or the wilds of Oregon may be cheered by the sweets of domesticity. Mrs. Colonel and Mrs. Captain may go wherever the regiment goes. The private soldier enjoys this blessing only to a limited extent. The would-be recruit is sometimes rejected because he is a married man; more often, the married aspirant for a place in the ranks does not apply at all for examination; his wife keeps him at home. If the enlisted soldier wants to marry, he must ask permission—not of his inamorata and his inamorata's parents only, but of his commanding officer. This seems very like a hardship. And now the Inspector General of the Army complains that the enlisted men marry without asking leave; and he wants a new regulation imposing punishment on those who marry without official and regimental permission. We can imagine the wail that will go up from the ranks of the army when this news gets out. The spruce young soldiers who have been planning for a future campaign with their Mary Janes and Lucy Anns will find their hopes of double blessedness cut short. They must not marry without leave from head-quarters; and the Inspector General hints pretty strongly that that permission will be very seldom given.

It is a little odd that while people in civil life are scolding each other because they do not marry more, it should be found necessary in the Army to check the practice of marriage among the soldiers. The Inspector General regards the wedded bliss of the private with much dissatisfaction, and seems to say: "You are carrying this too far." These women, he says, (meaning soldiers' wives,) manage to get shanties to live in, to have fuel, food to eat somehow, and when the company changes its station, to secure transportation for themselves and baggage. Of course they do, happy and well-managing wives as they are. But the Inspector General says that all this is made out of the Government, in some way. This gives a more severe aspect to the case; but it hardly justifies the relentless blow which this official report proceeds to give the laundresses. The wives of enlisted men, by a kindly fiction in military usage, are known as "laundresses." The Inspector General, with the cruel exactness of statement that usually characterizes an army report, says that it is well known that it requires about as much transportation to move four laundresses as it does to move a whole company of men. What do the women think of that? It is, perhaps, true that the feminine mind with great difficulty comprehends the necessity of putting traveling *impedimenta* into small space; but when it comes to boldly saying that four women require as much transportation as one hundred men, we decline to interfere between the official author of that statement and the aroused indignation of the baggage-creating sex. If it is true that army wives constitute so large a portion of the burdens of the Quartermaster, the only wonder is that he has borne it so long without complaint. Perhaps the Quartermaster has a wife.

The Inspector General suggests no form of punishment for over-marrying in the ranks. He is not so much opposed to matrimony in the abstract as to an excess of it among the enlisted men. He does not recommend that Congress shall divorce the wives of those who have married without leave, as *pater familias* suggested to his cook that he might drown two or three of his children if she objected to five in the family. But he aims a blow at the so-called laundresses. Laundresses, he thinks, can be dispensed with in the Army. A man can be detailed to do the washing for a company with the same facility as a laundress; and the result, says this sanguine authority, "would be equally satisfactory!" John Chinaman washes clothes with much fervor and destructiveness, and without a murmur; but when Sergt. Nubbins or Private Nokes washes and irons his comrades' shirts, there will be a row in the camp. And if the Inspector General, who is hard-hearted enough to compel celibacy in the ranks, really thinks Nubbins' washing would be "equally satisfactory" with the exiled and divorced Mary Ann's, we should like to see him try it. There is no knowing how far this terrifying suggestion from the War Department will go. If there is to be an edict, with heavy penalties, leveled against army wives, we shall expect to hear of mutinies, treasons, and desertions. What the champions of abstract marriage will have to say we almost dread to hear.

THE PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I notice the letter of "Investor." It is a very important subject to which he calls your attention.

The last annual report of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company which I am able to find was that of May 1, 1873.

At that time the company gave an inventory of assets on hand, as follows:

Cash and call loans	$696,140 30
$100,000 U. S. 5 per cent. gold bonds	100,000 00
Cash with agents and pursers	647,061 23
500 shares Panama Railroad stock	45,000 00
2,085 shares California Dry Dock stock	100,335 99
78,867 tons coal	1,129,267 65
Outfit and supplies	353,642 77
Bills receivable	840,000 00
Total	$3,841,449 36
LIABILITIES, EXCLUSIVE OF NEW STEAMERS.	
Coal freights	$151,686 60
Unsettled accounts	13,106 70
Total	$164,793 30
Net assets	$3,776,654 96
NEW STEAMERS.	
Eight new iron steamers building	4,500,000 00
Paid on the same	2,364,930 13
Due on steamers when completed	$2,135,069 87

The above statement shows an excess of cash assets of $1,641,585 09, after paying for the eight new iron steamers, the last two of which number, the Tokio and Peking, are now afloat.

If the company have been making money in operating the line, what has become of the above $1,641,585 09?

How can the company now have a floating debt?

Will the Directors explain the above mysteries?

NEW-YORK, Monday, Nov. 30. ENQUIRER.

AMUSEMENTS.

AFFAIRS AT BOOTH'S.

Mr. John S. Clarke, a comedian who has been before the English and American public a good many years, made his reappearance in this City, after a long term of absence yesterday evening. He acted at Booth's Theatre, and a new "dramatic sketch" by Mr. H. J. Byron, called "Red Tape," and the familiar comedy of "Everybody's Friend," were the media of his reintroduction to Metropolitan audiences. We do not for an instant contest Mr. Clarke's experience as a performer, or his popularity, of which the presence of a numerous assemblage and a greeting of marked cordiality furnished last night incontrovertible evidence. But we cannot say that Mr. Clarke's humor strikes us as particularly communicative, and although his method is so finished that his performance has about it a strong air of spontaneousness and flows on with perfect ease, it usually leaves us unmoved. The two pieces he figured in, last night, showed him in the habitual light. His well-known personation of *Major De Boots* is very elaborate and vivacious, and his portrayal of *Redmond Tape*, in Mr. Byron's composition, is as effective as the author could wish. "Red Tape" is in two acts, and its story is that of a rascally fellow who assumes the name of a dead friend, to rob the family of the deceased of their possessions. The treachery of an accomplice and the shrewdness of a village lawyer, one *Redmond Tape*, defeat the scoundrel's ends, and the last act of the play terminates merrily. Mr. Clarke's acting throughout the entertainment clearly afforded pleasure, and he was much applauded, and, twice during the evening, recalled.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

A revival of "La Grande Duchesse" by Miss Emily Soldene and her company, attracted a large audience to the Lyceum Theatre last evening. The Soldene Troupe represent "La Grande Duchesse" as briskly as they do the other elements of their répertoire, and the opera has been set with costumes as brilliant and scenery as artistic as if it were intended to keep it upon the bills three months, instead of a week. Last night Miss Soldene personated *The Duchess*; Miss Vesey, *Wanda*; Mr. Beverley, *Fritz*; and Mr. H. Lewens, *Général Boum*. "Dites-lui," which Miss Soldene sings exceedingly well, although it must be rather difficult to make an effective *rallentando* on such a euphonious phrase as "Idiotic I'm Getting," was redemanded; as a comic effort Mr. Lewens' portrayal of *Général Boum* was really mirth-provoking. We need but add that the concerted numbers went admirably; so good a general performance of opera bouffe as that of Miss Soldene's company is, as we have already had occasion to note, very seldom witnessed.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.

Rural life in England one hundred years ago was evidently very different from what it is now, if we are to take Mr. Delafield's play of "Quarry Dell," produced at Wood's Theatre last evening, as a fair sample of it. The plot is too involved to allow of any description of it to be given here; but it may be briefly said that the principal characters are *Dick Rayne*, an honest game-keeper; *Nelly Rayne*, his daughter; *Captain Pilcher*, the villain of the piece; *Squire Strangways*, who subsequently becomes a "gentleman highwayman," and *Crawler*, his body-servant. *Nelly* falls in love with *Pilcher*, apparently because she is warned not to do so, and from this very simple act a world of trouble flows. Finally *Pilcher*, who is in every one's way, is disposed of by a well-directed blow, the wanderer returns to her father's house, and everybody is happy. The play is by no means wanting in interest, and last evening the various characters found respectable representatives in Mr. Robinson, who played *Dick Rayne*, Mr. Aldrich, who appeared as *Pilcher*, and Miss Miles, who took the part of *Nelly*, in which she gave the song of "I've Watched this Little Flower." Mr. Sheldon's *Crawler* was funny enough, though rather overdone. At the matinées *Cinderella* and *Toodles* are given, Mr. Leffingwell appearing in the first and Mr. Sheldon in the latter.

AID FOR THE POOR.

The Charity Amateur Dramatic Association will give a matinée performance at the Union Square Theatre to-morrow, for the benefit of the St. John's Guild Relief Fund, in aid of the poor of the City. The acknowledged dramatic ability of the players as well as the object for which the entertainment is to be given will doubtless attract a very large attendance. The play will be "The Hunchback." Mrs. Sheridan Shook will appear as *Julia* and Mrs. Bessie Fox as *Helen*, and the piece will be placed upon the stage with precisely the same scenery, costumes, and appointments as were used when it was recently reproduced at the Union Square.

BRIEF MENTION.

Mr. J. N. Pattison lectures on Mendelssohn, at De Garmo's, this evening.....Mrs. Margaretta B. Moore gives a dramatic reading at Association Hall .....Mr. George Clarke has been engaged by Messrs. M. Grau & Chizzola, to act with Mrs. Rousby.

LOUISIANA.

THE NEW CITY OFFICIALS OF NEW-ORLEANS IN OFFICE.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Nov. 30.—The newly-elected city officials were inducted into office to-day, and will hold their first regular meeting to-morrow. Mayor Leeds' address advises the most rigid economy in every department of the city government.

THE HODGSON COURT-MARTIAL.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Nov. 30.—The meeting of the Hodgson court-martial is postponed for one week to enable the accused to prepare a defense.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEVADA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—A heavy earthquake occurred at Oreana, Nevada, yesterday. There were two shocks, lasting two minutes. No damage was done.

PANICS AND CRISES.

THEIR GENERAL CAUSES REVIEWED.

PROF. BONAMY PRICE'S SECOND LECTURE—THE BANK OF ENGLAND SYSTEM OF ISSUE—EVILS OF SPECULATION AND WAR—CAUSES OF AMERICAN PANICS.

Prof. Bonamy Price lectured last evening at Steinway Hall, upon the "General Cause of Panics and Crises," before the members of the Mercantile Library Association. On being introduced, he said he would begin by asking a favor, and he felt all the more difficulty in doing so because of his hearers' indulgence on the last occasion. The necessity of asking this favor was derived from the circumstance that he did not get time to state in detail the last evening the way he would recommend the currency of this country to be reduced to a metallic basis, and, with their permission, he would read the following propositions:

Propositions concerning the restoration of American currency to a metallic basis:

1. First, and most important, a firm determination of the American people that the paper currency of the United States shall be payable in gold on demand. A successful solution of the problem hinges mainly on the existence of such a will as a basis of action.

2. A fixed day shall be appointed absolutely by law on which every note in circulation shall be rendered thus payable in gold.

3. The history of the resumption of specie payments in England, and the probable actual state of the American currency relatively to the wants of the American people, warrant the belief that the excess of paper notes is not considerable, and will not require a large amount of them to be redeemed and canceled.

4. The same history of English redemption shows that a large previous accumulation of gold will be needed for the operation. When the excess of the circulation is cleared away by canceling, and the nation feels that the notes are really and permanently convertible into gold, the paper note will be trusted, and will not be sent in for payment beyond the ordinary fluctuation of business wants.

5. The determination of the question, who shall be the issuer of notes in the future, is a practical problem to be settled by the American Legislature, under a full consideration of the active circumstances of the nation and the currency. But it is a vital element of the problem that the currency shall be regarded in no other light whatsoever than as the pool of exchange, and that no other idea or purpose is in any way mixed up with it.

6. A direct issue by the Government is radically unsound and untrustworthy.

7. Nevertheless, as the issue of notes is attended by large profit, and is essentially a public and not a private function, the nation is entitled to a solid portion of that profit.

8. One single form of issue is in the highest degree expedient.

9. The issuing of notes by the Bank of England under the act of 1844 presents features which highly deserve the study of the American people at the present moment.

10. The so-called Bank of England notes are issued, not by the Bank of England, but by an automaton or self-acting machine, called the Issue Department of the Bank of England, which is no part of that bank, though it works on the bank's premises, and over which neither the Directors of the Bank of England nor the British Government have any control whatever.

11. All the notes, uncovered by gold actually in hand, are lent by the automaton to the Bank of England corporation, which puts them into circulation in return for payment given to the bank by the public subject to be paid in gold if demanded.

12. These fifteen millions are rendered perfectly safe by the long-established stability of the Bank of England, its banking traditions and habits, and the large debt of fourteen millions due to the bank by the Government.

13. It is not conceivable that a single one of these notes, unless England is the prey of anarchy, should ever be presented by the public for payment in gold by the Bank of England.

14. The payment given by the public to the bank for these 15,000,000 of notes is applied by the Bank of England as capital, which is never destroyed, which is wanted by trade as capital for the sustentation and remuneration of labor, which is constantly reproduced in its integrity, and always exists as goods and property.

15. The so-called Bank of England notes above these 15,000,000 are covered by gold, lodged in the vaults of the automaton, and consequently are, in substance, a metallic currency.

16. These 15,000,000 are lent without charge to the Bank of England out of regard for the service which it renders the State in the management of the national debt, and also of the large debt due by the State to the Bank.

PANICS AND CRISES.

The speaker then proceeded to say that he would now address himself to the subject of panics and crises. The words panics and crises were intimately connected with the money market. We knew that they meant commotion in Wall street, much anxiety, much going down of great fortunes, of great names, and great firms, great anxiety of every kind, great commotion throughout the nation. But there was a second element of panics, a vast deal more important than anything ever done in Wall street, and if it was not for the importance of what happens in this second element he would not trouble them again. The whole of what he would have to address to them was to endeavor to transfer them out of Wall street to what is going on in the industries of the country and among the laboring classes, as well as in other departments of business. He then read an extract from a periodical, which stated the vast resources of the country and its great advantages over any other nation recorded in history. In proof of which it was stated that the exports in bread-stuffs and cotton last year were nearly $400,000,000. And yet the Republic presented last Fall a wonderful, the greatest, incongruity ever presented, when hundreds of thousands of mechanics were reduced to the necessity of applying to the soup-houses for relief, whereas, at the same time, corn by thousands of bushels was burned. Thousands of artisans also left the country in September and returned to their respective countries and procured employment. And again, what did he read in the journals of New-York to-day? That in the great State of Pennsylvania, in the coal regions the great centre of wealth, employment was not to be obtained. There was no food for the women and children; laborers' families were starving, and every kind of moral and social disorder were looming in the prospect. This great theme, he proposed, should occupy their attention that evening. He would consider what was happening among the American people, what was becoming of their industries, and how it comes to pass that in a country teeming with every powerful resource that these fearful calamities were in prospect. They all knew that it was in the money market, but those who thought and called this crisis a monetary one, and thought that it depended upon what happened in Wall street, who thought that Wall street fed the people of America, were mistaken. He desired to say at once that if every book and ledger in Wall street were burned, if many of those who think themselves millionaires were ruined, he would ask did they suppose that a year after that the Pennsylvania miners would be starving? Did they suppose it would be any more than disorder and commotion among rich men? Wall street was only the registry of ownership. The realities of American existence were not there any more than they were in the Bank of England or in Lombard street in England. It was our business to go down to Pennsylvania and try to discover what had happened, and trace out its cause, and try if there were any remedies. Most unfortunately on this great theme the bankers have filled the world with writings about how many paper notes were in circulation, but these people forgot what a bank was.

FUNCTIONS OF BANKS AND BANKERS.

He should repeat the definition he gave for bank before the Chamber of Commerce, that it was merely a transfer of the ownership of property, that it does not possess the property that it only issues. It passes property from A to B, precisely as the English shilling goes from hand to hand. The bank was not the property that was passed. In that possession there was no difference between Wall street and all the banks in the world. They were merely transfers; they were not the owners themselves. But then he was told that banks were too powerful because they deal in credit. He heard the definition that a banker was a man who dealt in credit both in this country and in England. But who was the true dealer in credit? The man who bought gold chains and knew perfectly well he had not the means of paying for them. That was a dealer in credit. He did not know the meaning of the word credit. Credit only means that a man had only taken goods and had not paid for them. Bankers did not deal in credit; they collected debts and made fresh debts in loaning them to the people. A banker was a broker standing between two members. The value of this definition was that we got rid of money by it, and put him in the place of an intermediate agent. The first member was the seller of goods. That man had sold $5,000 worth of wheat at Chicago, and he was going to buy goods in return only to the tune of $2,000. He placed the balance in bank, and the banker says to another man, "I can lend you $3,000 to buy silk." He loans him the power of buying. This was one of the great facts. The banker merely said to the man who had the $3,000 to spare that he would find somebody who would buy in his place. The essence of a banker was to find somebody to buy in place of the man who had sold. It would be seen from that that the bankers did not possess capital, and he was ashamed to say of the literature of London that no exposure of phraseology had the slightest effect on this. They say they have capital, but where was their capital? They might have an ink-stand, a counter, and an office, but they had no capital. What they had got to do was to find a buyer instead of the seller. Therefore, all discussion which implied that the banker had capital was an absurdity of the first order, and it was this jumble of absurdities that made the human understanding incapable of seeing the matter in its proper light. And if he could be of any use to them, it would be in transferring them into a world of facts.

There was no greater jargon in this world than the English banks. Let him come to these mechanics who go to the soup kitchens, to those men who have no employment in this country, which ought to be a country abounding in resources, but which was unable to feed them. They must go back to Europe from a land of unlimited resources. That was a startling phenomenon—a fact of the first order. Here was a thing they had to inquire into.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

The life of man was composed of two things—of making and consuming. The consumption, if they had got to live, must go on and it does go on, and the great necessity was how to produce. Only the necessaries of life were not paper. The food and clothing required for the people was not paper, and why was it, he would ask, that people were leaving America? The secret consisted in the word capital. It was a hard word. He wished he could find a better term. But in the real vital question of that word lay the secret they were in search of. What was it that made nations rich? and what was it that made nations poor? It all depended upon what happened to this capital. The nation was stationary when it made as much as it destroyed—when the food that sustained life was replaced with another supply of food. The people who consumed the food were producing another supply, and those who wore the clothing were producing another lot. And when the consumption should go on without production, there should be, distress and starvation. A nation grows rich by saving, and saving meant to turn the extra stock of things into capital, which meant to turn it into the power of making a larger stock of things the next year. A nation like America would grow rich if its inhabitants cultivated new fields to grow more wheat, if they got more ships where ships are wanted, if they make more manufactured goods. Then everybody would be better off, because there was more capital in the country. How did nations become poorer? From just the counter proceeding. When the farmer said to his workman that he could not feed him, and let him go away, then the land would not be cultivated, and there would be less produce on the farm the following year. He then came to the question of income. What was income? It was a question of whether they were possessed of something more than they had made. What the banks did was not the vital question, but what the people themselves did in the way of increasing capital.

WHAT A MAN'S INCOME MEANS.

The lecturer then proceeded to examine and define the word income. We hear it said a man has so many dollars income, but the poor man who receives his weekly wage is the only man who gets his income in dollars, or gold. But the great capitalists do not touch money hardly. Income means this: your share of the things made by the nation, in excess of its consumption. That is the meaning of the word income, though you count it in dollars. Whether you are making more than you are spending decides whether or not you have an income. Now, what is the test of a thing's being or not being capital? Capital is anything that is destroyed, but is reproduced in the process. A beautiful picture is not capital. You part with your goods and you get a painting, but it does nothing in the way of producing other goods, and, therefore, it is not capital, for reproduction is the test of capital. So the workingmen consume food and tools, but in this case the goods are reproduced, and they are capital. There is no mystery about it, but in these latter times the thing has become covered up and concealed.

Now, in the ordinary state of things, when men are sane and sober, the nation will go on prudently, and will increase its capital, which means that it will increase the machinery for making things which are indispensable to human life and its enjoyment. But God has not willed that man should be free from trouble, and that life should go on without a sense of responsibility and without reflection. Consequently their good fortune is at times a source of misfortune to nations in this region. They get a temporary good fortune, which consists in eating up, and diminishing their capital. It is very easy to have a jolly good time if you do nothing but eat up your capital for eight months, but then there will come universal ruin for eighteen months. This is almost death to a nation, and it is just as easy to make an approximation to death. One approximation he would mention. It was war, and war has had a great deal to do with the fortune of the American people. War is a great consumer. It is a brisk time for business, for orders for clothing, and there are a great many well-paid officers and Generals. All goes swimmingly on, but the destruction is not seen, and war is a great destroyer. War brings along great prosperity, because you are eating up your capital. And it is just the same with the construction of too many railways.

HOW CAPITAL SHOULD BE EMPLOYED.

Nothing is so enriching as railways, but if you build too many, what happens? It is the old story—your capital is diminished. You have destroyed your wealth. You have fed your laborers and given them tools, and the railway is opened, and you are astonished to find the country is poor. But, just like war, railways make people poor when you build too many of them. But how can you tell how many railways you can afford? You can afford to make new railways to the extent that you make more dollars than you consume. If, instead of buying pictures or statues, you build railways to the extent of their cost, you have done a great thing for the American people. But, on the contrary, if you build railways beyond that surplus, and go on eating and drinking and wearing, you must run yourselves into poverty, and poverty ends in panic.

And so it is with railway speculation. Everybody sells his property and puts it into shares, and helps everybody else make holes in the ground, and by and by there is a collapse. And so it is with speculation in land. So long as it is mere speculation, mere betting, little harm is done, for what one loses another gains. But these speculations have induced many people to think themselves rich, so they spend and waste the nation's wealth. Now, he thought it would be seen how such disasters as he began with might happen. He thought a great deal of it was due to the bankers. He would not be hard upon the bankers, but he thought they were doing a wrong to the nation in that they would not understand the life of mankind, and would only look at the phenomena of Wall street. All they asked was whether this man is "good," and that man "bad." He could not find a banker who would say, "We are only changers of property. All our means are derived from goods, and we will not encourage lending if destruction is going on faster than lending." He could not find bankers who would say that, but he could find those who said he was a theorist. But is not starvation practical? Are not returning immigrants practical? If you are destroying the means of keeping laborers at work, because you are destroying more than you produce, is not that practical? But where is the banker who cares about that? All they ask is whether stocks are up, and thus they bring on a crisis. And that he called a day of settlement, a day of deciding who was to win and who to lose. Suppose a man had always lived steadily and had always produced more than he had consumed. He has lodged the surplus in a bank. Has that bank been foolish and lent it to insolvent persons? If the bank does not stand the man is ruined, and the bigger the bank the bigger the alarm. It is never so with the Bank of England.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND NEVER PROMOTES SPECULATION.

It never lends except to steady traders who always produce more than they consume. It never makes crises. But there are other banks which do in both England and America.

There was an objection urged upon him, and which had been urged upon him, and which he admitted it was true. It is said that the question of whether or not a nation can afford any particular thing is a hard one, and cannot be determined by any rule. That was so, but was the truth he enunciated any the less a truth because it was hard to be discovered? Is it any the less a truth because it deals with 40,000,000 of people instead of one man, and it is hard to find what the 40,000,000 are about? But it is not really impossible to find out to a reasonable certainty, any more than it is impossible to calculate how many children will probably be born next year. If you will only watch well the indications, and if your writers will only take the trouble, you will find out the probable course things are taking, and then you will not be ruined by the bankers.

HISTORY OF CERTAIN CRISES.

Now let us apply these tests to historical events. What was the cause of the great English crisis of '47? There was a failure of the potato crop in Ireland, and of the cotton crop in America, and everybody who had been counting on potatoes and cotton found there were none. So fewer things were bought, and fewer things were sent to buy them, and there was a great crisis. It was the delay of setting, of finding out who were the losers. So it was in '66. We spent too much on railways, and we beautified towns on goods that were sent to Marseilles and to other places, and that never came back or reproduced themselves. What happened in America? In 1843 you exported $40,000,000 in merchandise, and what did you get back?—$20,000,000 in gold. Twenty millions of pebbles would have done as well as that gold. Gold alone cannot enrich a nation. There is nothing that impoverishes a nation like gold, if the gold makes nothing. So you Americans sent away your forty millions in goods, and got back your twenty millions in gold—twenty millions of a perfectly useless metal. And what happened ought to teach a lesson to those people who think a nation is richer because it has plenty of gold. Recently a great deal has been said about the panic of 1873, and about Jay Cooke, and the large part he played in it. But the panic was only the first revelation of a great misfortune that had been done long before. Jay Cooke's trouble. The harm had been done before. Jay Cooke and others had bought a great many railway bonds, and had taken in return for their capital pieces of paper. What wonder there was a panic! Every dollar spent on those railways was wasted.

THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

The war, he said, had no doubt a great deal to do with these things. A great quantity of goods was ordered, a greater quantity of arms was required, more wares of all kinds were wanted. Under such a condition of things he could very well understand the necessity of a paper currency. Its effects were obvious. The American people had to be taxed to find bayonets for the Government, and the only way to meet this emergency was by the issue of pieces of paper. The first issue and its necessity, he could, as he had said, very well understand, but when it became a matter of making further issues, he wished to indicate what it was that had happened. They had said to the banks that they should issue so many millions more of paper, and the process of the purchase and destruction of property immediately began. New mines that were not wanted were opened, new railroads for which there was no necessity were promoted and pushed forward, and immediately every element of speculation came into operation. The result was destruction of property. In this matter he did not refer to the first issue of paper, of which he admitted the necessity, but to those subsequent issues, which gave rise to speculation and to the destruction of property.

THE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM.

The lecturer next referred to the system of protection, which he said was nothing more than a decree on the part of the Legislature that Americans should not work at that labor which produced most, and which gave them the best returns, but that they should work at those things which gave them less advantages. That was the meaning of the word protection. It amounted to no more, he said, than if the people of America were to raise a subscription and pension the people of New-England or of Pennsylvania for sending cotton and woollen goods into the market. In this way he thought that protection was willful, wasteful, and wanton. He reminded his hearers that loans always came to the country not in money, but in goods, and that what the spendthrift got was goods, which he received with the maxim "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof." They borrowed goods to fill up this gap which their speculations had caused, and then they found that the gap, instead of lessening, gradually grew wider. He then adverted to the Usury laws of the country, observing upon their deleterious effects, and claiming that men were not permitted to charge upon discounts beyond a certain sum.

A gentleman on the platform remarked that that was the rule in this State.

Prof. Price said that was a misfortune. In England they had learned experience and wisdom, and where the means of lending became smaller the natural effect was that the thing borrowed became dearer.

He concluded his lecture rather abruptly by declaring that he wished to have remembered the principles he enunciated before the Chamber of Commerce, and above all things he was opposed to the evils resulting from inflation.

THE 'LONGSHOREMEN.

PROGRESS OF THE STRIKE—MASS-MEETING AT COOPER INSTITUTE—SPEECHES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Yesterday the position of affairs between the steam-ship companies and the 'longshoremen remained the same as on Saturday. Very few of the strikers were to be seen during the day along South or West streets, owing, no doubt, to the severity of the weather. Many of the men are still convinced that they will eventually gain the day, though by what means it is to be accomplished they do not seem to know. The only topic of conversation among them during the day was the mass-meeting to be held in the evening at the Cooper Union. Great things are expected to result from this demonstration.

The large hall of the Cooper Institute was filled last evening by the 'longshoremen who responded to the call of their leaders for a "mass-meeting." The meeting was orderly throughout, and the few policemen scattered around the room found their task of preserving the peace an easy one. George Francis Train sat on one of the chairs in the front row, but took no part in the proceedings. Every place where a man could sit or stand was occupied. The principal officers of the various 'longshoremen's unions acted as ushers and preserved order. At a few minutes past 8 the meeting was called to order by Mr. Roger Burke, President of the 'Longshoremen's Convention, who read a brief essay on the subject of "Labor and Capital," in which capital was severely "handled." He then introduced Mr. Richard O'Gorman, and proposed that he should take the chair. The motion was carried, and Mr. O'Gorman briefly addressed the meeting. He said there was no natural antagonism between labor and capital; on the contrary, it was by the union of both that the prosperity, happiness, and security of communities depend, and any quarrel between them was a great disaster. Whenever it did occur in this City heretofore, a great loss invariably befell the community. The speaker counseled moderation generally during the present strike, and hoped that from that meeting would come some practical accommodation of the disagreement between the 'longshoremen and their employers.

The Chairman then by request read some resolutions. The preamble set forth that the 'longshoremen felt that unjust demands were made upon them and desired that their case should be fully and fairly laid before the public. It was

Resolved, That they would yield to no man, rich or poor, in their respect for the rights of capital, and in their solicitude for the welfare of the Port and City of New-York; that they have always been willing to give their labor at the lowest price that would secure them the necessaries of life for their families; that they have always been willing to bear their share in reducing the port charges, and cheerfully offered to reduce their wages to forty cents per hour in the day and sixty cents (instead of eighty) at night; that the merchants and stevedores now require a further reduction at a rate at which it would be impossible for the working men to support their families in comfort and decency; that rent and the necessaries of life are as high now as ever they were; that they have not hitherto been able to earn more wages on an average than $12 a week each; that the same kind of labor now commands higher wages in Boston and Philadelphia than it has hitherto done here, and that they now take a step most painful to all of them, their only object being the attainment of a fair and permanent settlement; that they congratulated their fellow-workmen on the calm and dignified bearing they have sustained since the beginning of the strike, and renewed their trust that no act of disorder shall cast discredit on their proceedings or obstruct the law; that they recognize their obligations to the press for the fair manner in which their case generally was laid before the public; that, in conclusion, they did not believe it was for the interest of the City that they or any other body of laboring men should be compelled to give their work for wages too small to enable them to live in comfort and respectability, and they submitted their claims to the consideration of their fellow-citizens, and invoked the verdict of public opinion in their favor.

Mr. Joseph Jennings was then introduced, and he told his audience that this fight is now being made as it should be, not against ship-owners, but against the firm of stevedores known as the Walsh Brothers, and no others. These Walsh Brothers, he said, were defrauding the capitalists as well as oppressing the 'longshoremen. He would advise the owners of sailing vessels to call a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and demand that those stevedores should be set aside, and then there would be no difficulty. He also pressed the men to hold fast to their independence now, or let those stevedores be their masters forever. One of them made a statement in Wall street that he could do what he liked with the ignorant 'longshoremen. At this stage one voice cried out, "He's a liar," and a man in the body of the hall stood up and endeavored to make what was understood to be a speech on behalf of the stevedores. He caused quite a commotion for a few seconds, but the cries of "Put him out" were promptly obeyed and he was removed, after which order was restored and the proceedings went on.

The next speaker was Major William Burrow, who was introduced by the Chairman as a man who once earned his bread in the sweat of his brow. He said that $12 a week to each 'longshoreman, meant the distribution of the enormous sum of $6,000,000 a year in this City and Brooklyn and Jersey, and this item was something worth the consideration of every citizen. He thought that labor was justified in combining for its own advantage as well as capital, and if railroad Presidents agree to add so much money for delivering a bushel of corn, it means that so much is added to the working man's bread, and he certainly has a right to agree with his fellow-working men that he shall try to get what will buy that bread. What would a few policemen amount to if the great mass of the people were ground down and then rose up and demanded justice? Could they have the advantage of an education for their children if they were not let earn enough to send their children to school? It was not right to expect that the decanse of Health should be comfort and cleanliness where the dweller had not the means of living in ordinary decency.

The Chairman next introduced an old acquaintance in the person of a "working man" named Griffin, who holds a political sinecure under the auspices of Tammany, and always manages to make himself prominent at working men's meetings as "Secretary" of a working men's "association" that has no existence. After begging of his hearers not to consider him a demagogue, he made a fire-brand speech, which, in justice to the 'longshoremen, it must be said, fell harmlessly on the audience. Griffin was followed by Ex-Rebel Colonel John R. Fellows, who rushed into politics directly. A genuine working man named Daly next made a long and rambling speech, in which he told the 'longshoremen that they must depend on themselves for sustenance during the struggle, and not on any trades' union organization; also, that if they would save themselves from ruin, they must hold out now to the bitter end—both of which sentiments were applauded long and loudly. The last speaker, a Mr. O'Grady, made the only intelligible speech of the evening, and it was clear that he was the only one who understood the 'longshoremen's case. He showed that they were not striking against the ship-owners, but against the stevedores who made ruinous contracts in the Summer which they hoped the severities of a hard Winter would compel the 'longshoremen to assist them in carrying out. At the conclusion of Mr. O'Grady's temperate and clever address the meeting was declared adjourned, and the audience quietly dispersed.

THE MAILS FROM EUROPE.

The White Star steam-ship Celtic, which left Liverpool Nov. 19 and Queenstown Nov. 20, reached this port yesterday, with mail news later by three days. We are once more indebted to the management of the line for liberal additions to our European files.

PHASES OF CRIME.

THE NORTH-WESTERN BOND FORGERIES.

REARREST IN PHILADELPHIA OF GEORGE F. HILT—THE PRISONER HELD FOR FURTHER HEARING—OTHER ARRESTS TO BE MADE—THE PRETEXT FOR RETAINING HIM.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—George F. Hilt, who was arrested in this city last week by New-York and Government detectives, on the charge of counterfeiting Government bonds and currency, and detained here through the efforts of a private detective agency, was again arrested this afternoon by an officer of this private agency, on the charge of uttering forged bonds of the Chicago and North-western Railroad Company. Hilt was arraigned before Alderman Beitler, and every effort was made to prevent the proceedings gaining publicity. From the efforts of the prosecution and their show of evidence, and the complaisance of the Alderman, it was very evident that no efforts are to be spared to keep the Government and New-York detectives from getting hold of Hilt on Wednesday next, the day put down for his hearing before a United States Commissioner. Counsel was retained by the detective agency to conduct the prosecution.

The first witness was Abraham W. Rand, a stove and range dealer, who swore that in September last Hilt came to him and told him his insurance company was in trouble, and asked him to negotiate fifteen bonds, of $1,000 each, of the Chicago and North-western Railroad Company. He told him he would do the best he could, and Mr Wilhelm, Hilt's clerk, brought to him the bonds. He took them to Drexel & Co., and raised on them the money wanted. Sixty days afterward he was informed by Mr. Drexel's house that the bonds were fraudulent.

Mr. Charles H. Godfrey, the confidential clerk of Drexel & Co., swore that his house received the bonds from Rand and loaned money on them. They were sent to the New-York house, and the chief there subsequently referred them to the officers of the Chicago and North-western Railroad Company. The railroad company returned them with the word "counterfeit" stamped on the face of the bond and of every coupon.

Mr. L. Sykes, of No. 52 Wall street, Vice President and Treasurer of the Chicago and North-western Road, swore that he received early in November fifteen of the bonds from Drexel & Co., six through the hands of W. & J. O'Brien, and nine from Drexel's. They all bore the identical stamp, and were fraudulent. The fifteen that came directly and indirectly through Drexel & Co. were discovered to be fraudulent the day after they were received. He, Mr. Sykes, received in all fifty fraudulent bonds; the balance of the fifty were not discovered to be fraudulent until Nov. 25, the day after they were received by the company.

Counsel asked to have Hilt bound over for a hearing on Friday next. He said he had other evidence to offer and that other persons were to be captured, and it would be advisable to hold the defendant until that day, an opinion in which the Alderman coincided.

LAWLESSNESS IN ARKANSAS.

MASKED ROBBERS AND MURDERERS PURSUED BY A SHERIFF—A SHARP FIGHT AND A CAPTURE.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 30.—On Wednesday night last, five masked men, believed to be the Gads Hillers, went to a country store on the Petit Jean River, in Yell County, about seventy miles west of this city. They shot and killed the proprietor, and robbed the store. They then robbed a trading boat lying in the river, after which they decamped. The Sheriff and posse started in pursuit of the robbers, who separated, two coming toward Little Rock and three going in another direction. The Sheriff followed the two first mentioned, and overtook them yesterday morning sixteen miles above here. A fight ensued, in which the Sheriff was shot and badly wounded by the robbers, who in turn were both badly wounded by the Sheriff's posse and captured, brought to this city, and lodged in jail. The Sheriff will probably recover.

CRIME IN DELAWARE.

STRANGE STATEMENT FROM A JUROR—TRIAL OF A. K. WOODWARD.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 30.—One of the jurors in the trial of Taylor, who was acquitted of the murder of Mackey, at Newcastle, on Friday, states that if the jury had been polled on the rendition of the verdict four of their number would have refused their assent to it. After fasting fifty-eight hours they agreed to remain silent while the others gave the verdict, but if asked individually would have disagreed with the majority.

The trial of Aaron K. Woodward for killing a boy named Luken while stealing chestnuts, is now progressing at Newcastle. The jury is composed almost entirely of farmers, who sympathize with Woodward, as he was defending his property from a gang of marauding boys, who greatly annoy the farmers in this vicinity.

MURDER IN A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE.

BRANTFORD, Ontario, Nov. 30.—James McNamara fatally stabbed Donald McKinnon with a penknife, in a house of ill-fame, in the east end of town, on Sunday morning. It appears McKinnon met some friends up town on Saturday evening, and drank freely. He started for home late in the evening, but stopped on his way at the house of ill-fame, where he remained all night. In the morning, upon entering the front room of the house, McNamara, who was in the room, jumped up, and without provocation, sprang at McKinnon with an open penknife and stabbed him. The latter retreated to a bed-room, where he was again attacked by McNamara, and stabbed three times. McKinnon was heard to cry, "Oh, let me lay on the bed to die," when he staggered toward the bed, dying in a few minutes. McNamara fled immediately, but the Police tracked him in the snow to the barn of a Mr. Griffin, where he surrendered without offering resistance. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

TERRIBLE ITALIAN MURDER.

FIGHT IN A CROSBY STREET SALOON—A LABORER STABBED BY AN ITALIAN MUSICIAN—ARREST OF THE MURDERER.

On last Saturday night the beer saloon No. 95 Crosby street, formerly kept by "Capt. Krack" as a notorious resort for thieves and disreputable women, was formally opened as an Italian beer saloon by Antonio Romani, who originally was a "padrone," or boss organ-grinder. On Saturday night the place was crowded with Italians, most of whom were natives of Naples, of which part of the Italian nation Romani is also a native. Among this party were a number who were born in the town of St. Arsenio, in the Province of Salerno, Naples. A portion of these men were members of the Italian secret society known as the "Cammoro," and others were not. Among them were Arsenio Ippolito, aged thirty-five, of No. 118 Mott street; his brother-in-law, Michel Jose, of the same place; Alsanio Costa, of No. 68 Baxter street; and Antonio Gallo, of No. 97 Crosby street. On Saturday night these men quarreled and a dangerous fight seemed likely to ensue; but the disturbance was quelled by the proprietor. Last night the party met again, and about 11:45 o'clock a quarrel commenced between Gallo and Jose. Romain sent out his bar-tender, Lorenzo Camponano, to find a Police officer, and at the same time made peace between the belligerents. They at once began to fight again, and each seized a chair. Ippolito jumped in between them to separate them. He was struck on the head with a chair and knocked down. By this time the fight had become to a great extent a general one, and knives and razors were drawn. The noise of the disturbance had attracted a number of persons passing by, among whom was Mr. Joseph Kolningsberg, a merchant, of No. 22 Duane street. These persons congregated outside the door of the saloon, but, seeing the Italians with knives and bottles in their hand, were afraid to enter. Ippolito, on being knocked down with the chair, endeavored to rise and in doing so struck at Gallo, whom he imagined had felled him with the chair. Gallo, who had a huge stiletto in his hand, at once stabbed Ippolito twice, and dashed out into the street, brandishing his weapon, and breaking through the crowd, dropped the stiletto in the gutter, where it was picked up by Mr. Kolimpberg. Ippolito, on being stabbed, fell again to the floor, crying, "My God, I am murdered. By this time the bartender, Camponano, had found Officer Flay, who ran to the station-house and informed Capt. Allaire of the occurrence. A stretcher was procured and Ippolito taken to the station-house. He was bleeding terribly. One stab had severed an artery in the left thigh; the other in the back had evidently passed through the kidneys. The weapon used by Gallo and picked up by Mr. Koeningsberg is an ordinary butcher's steel, about sixteen inches long, filed to a sharp point, and made to resemble a three-edged cane-sword. An ambulance was at once summoned from Bellevue Hospital and Ippolito removed to that institution. The ambulance surgeon pronounced Ippolito's wounds fatal, and said he could not possibly live until this evening. Ippolito, who is a fine-looking man, was employed with his brother-in-law, Michael Jose, grading the Dry Dock Railroad. Capt. Allaire and Sergeant Meekin proceeded to search for Gallo, whom they finally discovered and apprehended at No. 45 Crosby street. On being brought into the station house he was positively identified by Ippolito and Romani, the keeper of the saloon. Gallo is a musician by profession, and plays at private parties. All the witnesses excepting Mr. Koeningsberg were locked up by Capt. Allaire.

SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY.

About 10:30 o'clock last night an altercation took place in the apartments of William Larkin, aged twenty-five years, No. 427 East Fourteenth street, between the occupant and John J. Doran, during which the latter drew from his pocket a razor and cut Larkin in the left side, inflicting a serious wound. The injured man was borne to Bellevue Hospital, and Doran was arrested by the Police of the Eighteenth Precinct.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

As Officer Gallagher, of the Fourteenth Precinct, was patrolling through Mott street last night, he followed two young men who acted in a suspicious manner. The officer perceived that the men were following a woman. As they reached Prince street one of them, Frank Cowle, of No. 180 Elizabeth street, snatched a valuable shawl from one Ellen Smith. The officer pursued Cowle and succeeded in arresting him after he had succeeded in passing the shawl to his accomplice. He was locked up.

A CLERGYMAN ROBBED.

Rev. John P. Bitler, of No. 155 Worth street, got on a Third avenue car, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday evening. There were quite a number of persons on the rear platform of the car, and as the reverend gentleman endeavored to make his way inside he was rudely jostled in the doorway of the car by two flashily-dressed men, who almost immediately after jumped off the platform and ran through Twenty-second to Ward Broadway. Rev. Mr. Bitler then found that his watch, an open-faced gold English lever, valued at $120, was missing. On examination it was found that the watch had been stolen in the usual way, the pin having been wrenched out of the watch-ring. The plundered clergyman reported his loss at the Detective Office yesterday evening.

THE BERGEN TUNNEL EXPLOSION.

INTERESTING TESTIMONY TAKEN AT THE CORONER'S INQUEST YESTERDAY.

Coroner Jacob Reinhardt commenced his inquest in Kinne's Hall, Jersey City Heights, last evening, over the remains of Elijah Harvey, the blacksmith, and James Horan, his helper, who were killed on Thanksgiving eve by the powder explosion in the new Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad tunnel, through Bergen Hill. Hon. Charles H. Winfield was present at the examination, but as counsel for whom did not transpire. John Farrel, foreman of a gang of the laborers employed on the tunnel, testified that on the Monday previous to the explosion he saw the blacksmith and two boys experimenting with some waste powder, and reprimanded them. The blacksmith retorted that the risk was his. A laborer named Fallon, who was at work on the tunnel near the place of the accident, thought the explosion was a blast. It was the first that he felt apprehensive. To save himself as far as possible from harm he threw himself down on his hands—being then under the impression that there would be a second blast. A few moments later he heard some one say that two men had been killed. He saw lights above and Farrel carrying away the body of the helper.

Testimony was offered as to the safety of the powder employed at the tunnel for blasting purposes. It is known as rock, and is entirely non-explosive. The manufacturer said that a red-hot poker could be thrust into it, and it would not explode; without using the percussion cap and the fuse it could not be made to explode. Some of the powder was thrown on the fire in the room in which the inquest was held. It burned like illuminating powder, and emitted a pink-colored flame. McAndrews, the contractor, also testified, but to nothing of interest, and the inquest was adjourned to Thursday evening.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON MAYOR HAVEMEYER'S DEATH.

The President of the Board of Education yesterday issued the following:

To the School Officers and Teachers of the Public Schools.

By a sudden visitation of God, the Chief Magistrate of our City, Hon. William F. Havemeyer, has been stricken down in the midst of his official duties, and while apparently in the enjoyment of robust health.

Mr. Havemeyer was a sincere friend of our public schools, for whose welfare he was ever solicitous, warmly sympathizing with the teachers and constantly anxious for the proper instruction as well as for the health and comfort of the pupils.

I recommend that the flags upon all buildings under the charge of the Board of Education be placed at half staff until after the day of the funeral, and, by the authority vested in me, I direct that the schools and colleges under the control of the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New-York be closed on the day of the funeral.

By order, WM. H. NEILSON,
President of the Board of Education.

A NEW POLAR EXPEDITION.

The following letter has been received by Sir Henry Rawlinson from the First Lord of the Treasury, announcing that her Majesty's Government have determined to send forth a new Polar expedition. Sir Henry Rawlinson expresses his opinion that this "announcement will be received with equal gratification by geographers and men of science, by the naval service, and by the nation at large."

No. 10 DOWNING STREET,
WHITEHALL, Nov. 17, 1874.

DEAR SIR HENRY RAWLINSON: Her Majesty's Government have had under consideration the representations made by you on behalf of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society, the council of the Royal Society, the British Association, and other eminent scientific bodies, in favor of a renewed expedition, under conduct of Government, to explore the region of the North Pole, and I have the honor to inform you that, having carefully weighed the reasons set forth in support of such an expedition, the scientific advantages to be derived from it, its chances of success, as well as the importance of encouraging that spirit of maritime enterprise which has ever distinguished the English people, her Majesty's Government have determined to lose no time in organizing a suitable expedition for the purposes in view.

I remain yours faithfully, B. DISRAELI.

A Dundee correspondent telegraphs that Sir Leopold McClintock, Capt. Allen Young, and two dockyard officials, had visited Dundee for the purpose of making an inspection, on behalf of the Government, of several of the vessels belonging to that port, and engaged in the seal and whale fishings. In the course of the day a survey of ships which might be regarded as suitable for the proposed expedition was made, but nothing was arranged as to chartering or purchasing any of them. At the same time general satisfaction was expressed with the equipment and appearance of the steamers. Sir Leopold, Capt. Young, and the other officers, left Dundee for Aberdeen and Peterhead, with the view of ascertaining the suitability of any ships which may be available at either of these ports.

THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS NEITHER SOLD NOR TO BE SOLD.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—The following will appear in the Philadelphia *Press* to-morrow:

"The rumors of the sale or transfer of the *Press* property and change of the management have been so rife, and have assumed such shape during the past week, that it is judged best to set them at rest by an explicit and authoritative contradiction. No sale of the *Press* has been made, nor is any contemplated. There will be no transfer of the paper on the 1st of January next, which remains now, as it always has been, in sole proprietorship of Hon. John W. Forney. There will be no change in the editorial staff of the *Press* with the new year."

AN OYSTER BOAT RUN DOWN, AND SIX MEN DROWNED.

Special Dispatch to The New-York Times.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30.—In Chesapeake Bay, on Sunday morning, an unknown schooner ran down an oyster pungy, and six men were drowned. The schooner paid no attention to the disaster it had caused, but sailed off on its course.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30.—The oyster pungy Mayflower was run into and sunk at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, off Kent Island, Chesapeake Bay, about thirty miles below Baltimore, by an unknown schooner. George Warner, captain of the pungy, John B

FISH AND FISHERIES.

REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER.

GENERAL HISTORY OF FISH CULTURE—FISHES ESPECIALLY WORTHY OF CULTIVATION—EFFORTS MADE FOR THE PROPAGATION OF SHAD.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1874.

The report of Prof. S. F. Baird, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and United States Fish Commissioner, concerning the operations of the Commission on Fish and Fisheries for the years 1872 and 1873, is just about to issue from the Government Printing Office. The report in the first place describes the investigations that have been made into the decrease of food fishes, and afterward gives an account of the propagation of food fishes in the waters of the United States up to the time when the report closes. Much of the information which the report contains has been from time to time published in the newspapers, but portions of it are fresh, and all of it is exceedingly interesting. The following are extracts taken from the part of the report which relates to the propagation of food fishes, and shows, not only the importance of the work which the Commission has done, but the success which has attended their efforts, particularly in one of the most important branches of the work—the stocking of the rivers of the United States with shad:

GENERAL HISTORY OF FISH CULTURE.

The subject of securing from the fresh waters and the sea a larger supply of fish than they would spontaneously afford has attracted the attention of various nations from a very remote period; one of the simplest methods consisting in the collection of fish into natural or artificial ponds or reservoirs, and by allowing them to prey upon each other, or else by supplying food to them artificially. This was in vogue among the Romans, especially, and it is asserted that not unfrequently the food thus supplied consisted of the flesh of slaves, which it was claimed imparted to the fish a delicate flavor, especially to the lampreys and other favorite species. This method of treating fish is, however, scarcely to be regarded as a branch of fish-culture in its restricted sense. According to Soubdran, in a recent and very complete summary of the history of fish-culture, the essays made in this direction in Europe were by Dom Pinchon, in the fifteenth century, at the Abbey of Reôme, near Montbard, in France, and in a manuscript dated A. D. 1420, beloeging to the Baron de Montgaudry, describing his process, it is said that it is necessary to have long wooden boxes, with solid bottoms, but with wicker-works at the ends, open above, and covered with a willow grating. At the bottom of the box is to be placed a bed of fine sand, and a slight groove is to be made in the sand, in which to deposit the eggs, which have previously been fertilized. The trout is to be kept in a gentle current of water; and as soon as the discharge of ova has taken place, (the period of which is carefully watched for,) and these are fertilized by the milt of the male, the eggs are to be removed to the boxes referred to, and allowed to remain until hatched out. About the middle of the eighteenth century the subject of fish-culture was again brought into notice by the experiments of Lieut. Jacobi, of Hoenhausen. An account of his labor, forwarded to Count de Gold-stein, was translated into Latin by that gentleman, and later into French by Duhamel du Monceau. The method adopted by Jacobi was that of modern times, namely, the squeezing of the ripe eggs from the body of the female into a dish partly filled with water, discharging upon this the milt of the male, stirring them well together, and afterward placing them in the boxes for hatching. The methods of Jacobi, and his results, seemed for many years to have passed into oblivion, although various experiments were made for some time after, in one country or another, looking more particularly toward the increase of the salmon and the trout. No material progress seems to have been made, however, until the time of Joseph Remy, a simple fisherman of Bresse, a village in the Vosges, by his own ingenuity, discovered the general theory of artificial fecundation, and again carried into effect, but much more efficiently, the methods of Jacobi.

These methods he practiced with only one associate, named Gehin, for several years; but it was not until 1849 that he made known the scientific discovery to the world through Haxo and Prof. De Quatrefages. The subject was taken up by the French Government, and the final result was the erection, at Hüningen, on the Rhine, of a great French national establishment for the cultivation of fish, and their distribution to the adjacent waters, under the direction of Prof. Coste, of the College of France.

This took place in 1851, and the work was carried on by the French with varying success until the capture of Alsace and Lorraine by the Germans. The region included within the German frontier, limits, is still maintained as a piscicultural establishment, and is under the immediate charge of Dr. Haack, one of the most eminent pisciculturists in Europe. The *Salmonidæ* receive chief attention at this establishment, although some species of other families are cultivated. It was from this place that the salmon-eggs presented by the German Government to the United States were supplied.

At the present day there are few countries of Europe where fish-culture is not more or less practiced. There are numerous establishments in France, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Spain, &c., while even in India, Java, and Australia more or less attention is given to the subject. The claim has been raised in behalf of China as having the least practiced pisciculture. But if by this we mean the artificial fecundation of fishes, and raising them in limited spaces, the assertion cannot be sustained. It is very true that great ingenuity is expended in China in securing the fertilized eggs of fishes after they have been already deposited by them, and in rearing the young, as well as in stocking waters with the most approved varieties. In this respect, indeed, they may be said to have prosecuted the art of aquiculture as well as agriculture from a period far antedating the practice of the same by any other nation. They, however, as far as the eggs of the fishes were concerned, confined their efforts to finding the localities where these had already been laid, or else to straining them out of the water by means of fine nets, mats, or gratings, and when they either hatched them out or reared the young in ponds, extensive establishments throughout the Empire. It is, however, for the United States that we may claim the fullest development of the art of pisciculture, both as to the perfection of its methods and the extent of its operations.

On the authority of the *Southern Cultivator*, Rev. Dr. John Bachman, of Charleston, S. C., as early as 1804, at the age of fourteen, impregnated and hatched the eggs of trout and other fishes. This has been questioned by some, but Dr. Slack, in his work on trout-culture, well remarks that the character and situation as a Christian and a naturalist is too well established to permit us to doubt his word. It is not pretended, indeed, that the idea was original with him, but he probably found in the work of Duhamel the account of the methods of Jacobi, and imitated them. In 1833 Dr. Theodatus Garlick and Prof. Ashley established a fish-farm near Cleveland, Ohio, the result of their experiences being published in Dr. Garlick's work, entitled "A Treatise on the Artificial Propagation of Certain Kinds of Fish," Cleveland, Ohio, 1857." In 1839 Mr. Stephen H. Ainsworth, of West Bloomfield, N. Y., began his experiments, and has continued them up to the present time. Since then, numerous establishments have been started, more particularly devoted to the culture of the brook-trout, meeting a greater or less degree of practical and pecuniary success.

ACTION OF STATE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

The recent establishment of the American Fish-Culturists' Association, a society designed to bring together those interested in the subject, promises to be of great benefit in advancing a correct knowledge of the best theory and practice of the science of fish-culture. It is to this body, under the presidency of Mr. George Shepard Page, that we owe the first movements which resulted in the recognition, by Congress, of the national importance of fish-culture, and in the appropriations for its multiplication of useful food fishes in the waters of the rivers. It was in 1873 that the subject was presented to Congress and favorably acted upon; the result being an appropriation of $15,000 "for the introduction of shad into the waters of the Pacific States, the Gulf States and the Mississippi Valley, and of salmon, white fish, and other useful food fishes into the waters of the United States, to which they are best adapted," for the fiscal year of 1873-74, with a supplementary appropriation of $10,000 for the same year, having special reference to the propagation of shad. A further appropriation of $17,500 was subsequently made for the same object during the fiscal year of 1873-74. This action on the part of the United States was the natural culmination of what had already been done by many of the States, accelerated by the action of the American Fish Culturists' Association.

Year by year the number of States taking action in this matter and extending operations therein is increasing, and there is little doubt that before the next year all the members of the Union will have Fish Commissioners duly appointed and qualified to act in reference to this important branch of our internal resources. While, however, the action of the Commissioners of the several States has reference to restricted localities, and to introducing new varieties, or increasing the supply in ponds, small lakes, and streams, they have not been disinterested enough to take charge of waters which constitute State boundaries, or where the benefits of the work be shared, if not entirely reaped, by citizens of other States. For this reason the waters of the more important rivers, and the entire system of the great lakes, the seats of the experiments, have been entirely neglected; and as these constitute the common wealth of the United States, it would seem to be the duty of Congress to take charge of them, and to do what the States severally cannot do. Hence, and to do what it was thought by the Fish Commissioners of several of the States that the United States Government should undertake the work of stocking the waters of the great lakes and the Mississippi Valley with shad, and of the Pacific coast with salmon.

The first of these fishes to which attention was directed was the shad, for the reason, which it is believed can be made to abundant in that river and its tributaries as it now is in any other waters.

COMPARATIVE VALUE OF ANADROMOUS AND OTHER FISHES.

In reference to the fresh-water fishes most worthy to attract the attention of the General Government or of the States, the distinction between resident species and those that are anadromous, or which spend a part only of their life in the fresh waters and the remainder in the ocean, must be clearly borne in mind. The species which belong exclusively to fresh water, such as the brook-trout, the lake-trout, the land-locked salmon, the white-fish, the black bass, &c., are all well worthy of attention, and by judicious treatment can be introduced into new waters, or their numbers greatly increased in any particular locality. But, if after all, there is a direct relationship between the number of any kind of fish of a given weight and the amount of food needed to furnish a supply sufficient to add definitely to that weight of food; and when the limit has been reached, we cannot, without feeding artificially, advance upon the proportion. Where the waters are pure and constantly renewed, and a suitable supply of healthful food is furnished regularly, large numbers of fish may be kept and cultivated, where not one in ten thousand would find an ample supply of natural food; but, as a general rule, the expense of feeding is such as to render the sale at comparatively high prices necessary for a satisfactory result. It must be remembered, too, that however rapidly certain fish, especially the black bass, multiply in new waters, there is a limitation to their increase, as shown by the experience of the Potomac River. This fish was introduced into this stream in 1854 by Mr. William Shriver, of Wheeling; several mature fish having been transported in the water-tank of a locomotive from the Ohio River, at Wheeling, to Cumberland, on the Potomac. Not many years after, the young fish began to distribute themselves in numbers, and by the time the entire river became thoroughly stocked with the new race. Starting at the head-waters of the river, the bass found immense numbers of *Cyprinidæ*, such as chubs, minnows, suckers, &c., as also of crawfish, insect-larvæ, and the like, which had been previously, for the greater part, undisturbed, except, perhaps, by the pickerel, and, having an ample supply of food, in accordance with the theory of natural selection, they multiplied to a prodigious extent. Year by year they extended their limits toward the mouth of the Potomac, until at the present time they are found in great abundance near Washington, and form a very attractive object of sport. I am, however, informed by residents on the Upper Potomac and its tributaries that the bass are becoming scarce, and that their numbers are much less than a few years ago, while, as a concomitant, the immense schools of shallow fry, formerly so abundant, have disappeared, a minnow in some localities being a rare sight. This is a very natural consequence, and must produce its result. In the increasing scarcity of herbivorous fish, the bass will be driven to feed more and more upon each other, and after a time a certain average will be established, perhaps the same as that existing in the waters of the Mississippi Valley and elsewhere, where, although indigenous, they are in proportion fewer than in the Potomac River, a condition of affairs entirely different prevails with the anadromous fish, among which we may enumerate as best known the shad, the alewife or fresh-water herring, the salmon, the smelt, and probably the striped bass. These fish spend a great part of their existence in, and derive their chief growth from, the sea. At certain seasons of the year, when fat and plump, they enter the rivers, and proceed usually as far as the obstructions will permit, or until they find their proper spawning-ground; here the eggs are discharged, fertilized, and hatched. The adults either return immediately to the ocean or after a certain interval. The young fish spend a certain period in the fresh waters, feeding, it is true, but on minute organisms, which are always procurable in abundance. Shad and herring enter the rivers and spawn in the Spring, and the young return in the Autumn. The Eastern salmon enter the rivers in Spring, and spawn in the Autumn, the eggs not hatching until late in the Winter. The young remain for one, and some of them even for two years, and then go down to the sea. After a certain interval these fish return to their birth-place, the shad at the age of three or four years, weighing from three to five pounds; the salmon after the same interval, weighing from nine to twelve pounds—this immensely rapid growth having taken place in the ocean, and without requiring anything in the way of human intervention. For this reason it is that the efforts necessary to the multiplication of anadromous fish may be limited to securing a proper passage of the adults to and from their proper spawning-grounds, or, in addition, to the securing of their eggs in numbers, and placing the young when hatched, and after a suitable interval in the water where they are to pass the period of their infancy. Nothing, therefore, is asked of the waters but the right of way, the adults rarely taking food of any kind while in the rivers. Their sustenance during this period is derived from the surplus of fat in their own bodies, and the exhaustion by this period of abstinence, simultaneously with its accompaniment of the development of the eggs and their fertilization, being made up by the voracity of their feeding on returning to the ocean. In this connection it may be interesting to refer for a moment to the difference in habit between the common eel and the species just referred to. This, like the others, is an anadromous fish, or better, perhaps, *catadromous*, the order of its movements being reversed. The eggs of eels, for the most part, are laid in the sea, and the young, after a short interval, enter the mouths of the rivers and streams in early Summer and pass up as far as an open passage will permit. The adventurous visitor to the Cave of the Winds, under the water-sheet of Niagara Falls, is struck as much by the immense number of young eels which are vainly trying to get over the rocks, and attempting to climb over their surface as by any other feature, the numbers to be seen being simply incalculable. After reaching a suitable place of abode, in fresh water, the eels remain, as is supposed, for at least three years, growing to a considerable size. After becoming sufficiently mature, their instinct, probably that of reproduction, carries them seaward again during the Autumn; and it is at this time that various forms of fish-dams and fish-weirs are called into requisition.

FISHES ESPECIALLY WORTHY OF CULTIVATION.

Among these fishes the American shad, *Alosa sapidissima*, may not only be considered as holding the chief place, occupying in its distribution, as it does, the entire eastern border of the United States from the Saint John's River in Florida to the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and even occurring in limited numbers in the waters emptying to the Gulf of Mexico. Its abundance in the early history of the country was such as to excite the unbounded astonishment of those who beheld it for the first time. With scarcely an exception, every river on the Atlantic coast within the limits above indicated was invaded in the Spring by immense schools, which in their upward course furnished an ample supply of the best food, first to the aboriginal inhabitants, and then to their European supplanters and their descendants. The fisheries were established on the river banks, and the farmers living at a distance from the streams were in the habit of coming in their wagons to these stations and hauling the fish to their homes, and there preserving such as were not needed at the time for the Winter's use. Sometimes the early settlers in new towns, remote from the rivers, before roads were cut through the forests, having no more convenient mode of transportation, were in the habit of taking their fish in bed-ticks hung across the backs of horses, in some well-authenticated cases for as many as thirty miles.

We may safely assume that to the exclusion of the fish from their breeding-places, or to their disturbance before reaching them, so as to prevent the discharge of their proper function in this respect, we owe the great decrease, and indeed, the practical extermination in many localities, of this valuable fish. It is, therefore, sufficiently evident that whatever steps be taken toward the introduction or restoration of shad to our waters, this must be accompanied by appropriate legislation, which shall secure their freedom of access to the upper waters of the streams, and shall prevent the use of nets of too small a mesh, or which shall obstruct the passage through the season continuously so as to allow none to escape. The decrease in the South proved indeed to be still greater than had been anticipated, and amounted to such a degree that subsequent to the census of 1860

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LOCAL MISCELLANY.

SPREAD OF THE SMALL-POX.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES—DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE HEALTH INSPECTORS—ANOTHER FATAL CASE REPORTED.

There seems to be no doubt, in medical circles that the small-pox epidemic is rapidly on the increase. The health authorities, however, express their perfect confidence that in a very short time they will not only be able to check the ravages of the disease, but to so effectually lessen its extent that it finally will assume the ordinary proportions of any ailment, and wholly lose its epidemic character. As an evidence of their ability to accomplish this most desirable end, they instance the spread and gradual reduction of diphtheria in the City this Winter. Some weeks ago diphtheria prevailed to such an extent, especially among children living in crowded and badly-ventilated tenement-houses, that its marked preponderance over the ordinary statistical disease rate not only became very noticeable, but signally alarming to the general public, to the Board of Health, and the medical profession. By constant work and untiring vigilance on the part of the Health Inspectors, the disease was at first arrested in its deadly progress, and then reduced, until now it presents no formidable aspect beyond the usual presence of a disease, to a marked extent attributable to the exigencies of the climate and the peculiar social conditions in which many live. It is contended and, according to the statement of physicians, not without some good reasons, that to arrest the spread of epidemic disease at its outset is a matter of impossibility. The disease must to a certain extent have spent its original force, and by its spread become so prominent as to more easely succomb to the organization of the Health Officers, which organization becomes for that reason more perfect and effective every day. In reference to the small-pox epidemic the greatest obstacle the Health Officers have to encounter, not including the concealment of cases, is the objections made by persons to vaccination, and also to the removal of patients from their home to the Small-pox Hospital on Blackwell's Island. Every possible subterfuge is adopted by members of families to prevent a patient being moved to the hospital, and instances are on record where a patient, after the first visit of the health officer and previous to the arrival of the ambulance, has been spirited away from one tenement-house to another, thus hastening the progress of the disease, producing collapse, an incurable a fatal result, in addition to the likelihood of spreading the disease in other families. The health inspectors are frequently required to call in the Police to aid them in the performance of their duty. Under the present law the health officers are given the power to remove all persons suffering from small-pox, and also to remove the bodies of all persons dying from small-pox. This last authority of the health officer was given them in order to prevent "wakes" being held by the poorer classes in cases of death from variola. On Friday Catherine Daly, a child two and a half years old, died of small-pox in the crowded tenement-house No. 331 East Thirty-second street. The two health inspectors who visited the house on Saturday evening found all preparations made for a "wake," and a number of persons in the room where the remains of the child were. On announcing their intention of removing the body, they were assaulted by the members of the family and finally kicked down stairs. Officer Darwin of the Twenty-first Precinct was called in, and after a fight between the male members of the family, Officer Darwin, and one of the health inspectors, the other health officer succeeded in escaping down stairs to the ambulance with the body of the child.

In reference to the cases which have occurred in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, One Hundred and Sixty-second street and Eleventh avenue, five additional cases have been reported since Saturday noon making a total of twenty-one cases reported from the institution during the past week.

At the Coroner's office, yesterday, a fatal case was reported, George Buiter, aged five years, having died at his residence, No. 440 West Fifty-third street, from confluent small-pox. The case was a very bad one, the vesicles having merged one into the other, so that the surface of the body presented a revolting appearance.

WILLIAM M. TWEED'S CASE.

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS —THE WRIT GRANTED—AN EFFORT FOR HIS RELEASE.

Counsel for William M. Tweed applied yesterday, in Oyer and Terminer to Judge Barrett for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of their client, the intention being to test the right of his further detention. The subject of his probable release has been under discussion for some time, the impression being prevalent in certain quarters that technical objections could be interposed at the end of one year's term of imprisonment which would necessitate this prisoner's release. The writ was granted and argument will be heard upon the questions at issue on its return. The following is the petition in full:

The petition of William M. Tweed shows that he is imprisoned or restrained in his liberty by Joseph L. Liscomb, Warden of the Penitentiary of the City of New-York, and that he is not committed or detained by virtue of any process issued by any Court of the United States or by any judge thereof, nor is he committed or detained by virtue of the final judgment or decree of any competent tribunal of civil or criminal jurisdiction, or by virtue of any execution issued upon such judgment or decree. That the cause or pretense of such confinement or restraint according to the best of the knowledge and belief of your petitioner, is the warrant, order, or process, a copy of which is hereunto annexed. And your petitioner alleges that his imprisonment aforesaid is illegal, and that its illegality as he is informed by his counsel and verily believes consists in this: That the said warrant, order, or process was issued upon an (alleged) judgment pronounced against your petitioner upon an (alleged) conviction for misdemeanor in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, in and for the City and County of New-York, which court had not jurisdiction to try the offense of which said (alleged) conviction was obtained, and had not jurisdiction to pronounce the (alleged) judgment thereon which it did pronounce, or which is set forth in said warrant, order, or process, and had not the jurisdiction to pronounce the judgment or sentence upon which your petitioner is now detained.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that a writ of hateas corpus issue, directed to the said Joseph L. Liscomb, Warden of the Penitentiary of the City of New-York, commanding him to have the body of your petitioner before one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at the chambers of said court at the new Court-house in the City of New-York, on the 2d day of December, 1874, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, together with the time and cause of such imprisonment and detention. (Signed) WILLIAM M. TWEED.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1874.

The petition was verified before John C. Halligan, Notary Public, on the 30th day of November, 1874.

A THREE-CARD MONTE VICTIM.

On the night of Nov. 20, Horace S. Lanfair, an elderly and wealthy citizen of Baltimore, residing at No. 222 Bank street, in that city, was a passenger on a train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, his destination being New-York. On the way, it is alleged, he fell into the clutches of a three-card monte gambler, and lost all his ready money and two gold watches. These losses rendered him desperate, and he renewed the play without benefiting himself as to the result. As security for the payment of his losses, it is asserted Lanfair gave to the unknown gamester two promissory notes, drawn by Middleton, Carman & Co., of No. 70 Fulton Market, for the aggregate sum of $5,400, payable to Lanfair, one on Aug. 28, 1875, and the other on March 5, 1875. At Philadelphia, the gambler, with a confederate, quietly left the car with his victim's money, watches, and notes. Mr. Lanfair also stopped over a train in that city, and, proceeding at once to a telegraph office, sent a dispatch to Mr. Middleton, one of the makers of the notes, informing him that they had been stolen. Mr. Middleton immediately advertised in the various City journals, warning the public against negotiating the notes. This advertisement, it seems, Mr. David Jackson, of No. 500 Third avenue, did not see, for he a day or two afterward purchased the notes from one Henry D. Monell, paying for them $2,500. Mr. Jackson took the notes to a number of down town brokers for disposal. On Wednesday last he left them with Burroughs & Chichester, No. 72 Wall street. On Saturday he called there again, and was arrested. He was arraigned at the Yorkville Police Court, and while explaining his connection with the affair Monell entered the court-room and was at once arrested. He was identified by Mr. Lanfair as the confederate of the three-card monte man who had fleeced him, and by Mr. Jackson as the person from whom he had purchased the notes. Mr. Jackson was discharged, and Monell was committed without bail, to await a requisition from the Governor of Pennsylvania, upon an affidavit which carefully omits all mention of the manner in which Mr. Lanfair lost his property.

THE MONFALCONE EXTRADITION CASE.

The case of Giovanni Monfalcone, whose extradition is asked by the Italian Government for alleged participation in the murder of Vincenzo Tramontana, in the Bay of Palermo, came up again before United States Commissioner White yesterday. Mr. Coudert, the counsel for the Government of Italy, offered certain papers in evidence, which were objected to by Col. Charles S. Spencer on the ground that they were not properly authenticated by the United States Minister at Rome. The Commissioner overruled the objection, and the papers were admitted. The case was then adjourned until Saturday next, at 10:30 A. M.

A FAST STYLE OF LIVING.

Benjamin S. Gomperts, who, up to a very recent period, has been living in a fashionable boarding-house on Fifth avenue, near Forty-second street, was yesterday arrested by order of Judge McAdam, of the Marine Court, at the suit of Francis E. Handley. It appears from the papers in the case that some time ago Gomperts went to Hamilton, who keeps a livery stable, and hired a horse and wagon, with a driver, at the rate of $300 per month. Shortly afterward he went back to the stable and rescinded his first bargain, and obtained a two-horse vehicle at the rate of $900 per month. Mr. Hamilton states that when Gomperts hired the equipages he told him he had an income of $2,000 per month, but that when he presented his bill, however, he failed to pay. Not being able to give bail in the sum of $500, Gomperts was sent to Ludlow Street Jail.

THE SOUTH OYSTER BAY TRAGEDY.

THE TRIAL OF LEWIS JARVIS FOR THE MURDER OF SAMUEL J. JONES—JARVIS AND HIS ACCOMPLICE ASK SEPARATE TRIALS.

The adjourned term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer for Queens County convened in the court-house at North Hempstead yesterday, with Judge Pratt upon the Bench, supported by County Judge Armstrong, and Justices Chipp and Lawrence—the latter being called upon to officiate in the place of Justice Seaman, whom the defense in the Jones murder case proposed to use as a witness. The attendance was large, and included a number of representatives of the Jones family, some of whom had been summoned as witnesses. Detective Payne, who has been chiefly instrumental in the discovery of the alleged murderers, and Officer Joseph Wilkinson, who assisted in making the arrests, were present among the chief witnesses, the former bringing into court the large chopping-block and the stones which were thrown down upon Mr. Jones after he was flung into the well.

It was generally supposed that the case of Vincenzo Imamorata, accused of the murder of Ricco Frederico, at Flushing, would precede that of Jarvis and Jackson, but the Judge decided to call the latter first, and after the Circuit calendar was disposed of, which occupied nearly an hour, Judge Pratt announced his readiness to proceed with it. Jarvis and Jackson were accordingly arraigned, and through their counsel put in a plea of not guilty. Theodore J. Cogswell, of Jamaica, appeared for Lewis Jarvis, and John Fleming, of Jamaica, for Elbert Jackson.

Mr. Fleming, on behalf of Jackson, asked for a separate trial, which was granted. He desired also to have his case put over for the term, on account of the short time he had had to make preparation for trial, but Judge Pratt did not consider his reason a valid one. District Attorney Downing decided to call Jarvis' case first, and the work of obtaining a jury was proceeded with.

The jury as completed, stood as follows, about sixty names in all having been called: Voris Mount, Cornelius Van Dine, John H. Faber, Abraham Bell, Samuel Bayliss, William Beatty, Francis Eberle, Thomas Smyth, James Watt, Charles Augerbauer, Valentine Frost, Brinckerhoff Jones.

District Attorney Downing then proceeded to make his opening address to the jury on behalf of the prosecution. After rehearsing the circumstances of the murder, the manner of its discovery, and the theory of the prosecution as to the manner in which it was committed, he made a statement of what he proposed to prove against the prisoner at the bar, and called, as his first witness, Peter Maloney, who told the story of the discovery of the body of "the master" in the well, and of his going to inform Thomas S. Jones of the discovery, described how the body was taken out of the well, and related other circumstances now familiar to the public. He was cross-examined briefly by Mr. Fleming.

Margaret Maloney, Peter's daughter, was next called, and told the fact of her seeing Mr. Jones go to put a fire out near the railroad track on the Friday night of the murder, and then return toward his house.

Mary Murphy was called, and stated that she saw a person whom she supposed to be Jarvis, with a boy, near Jones' house on the Saturday morning following the murder. She was pretty positive as to his identity. Her testimony was objected to by the defense, but the Judge decided to admit it. The purpose of the prosecution was to show that Jarvis was on the watch to see what might occur when the murder was discovered.

Dr. Bell, who made the post-mortem examination of Mr. Jones' body, described the character of the wounds and bruises found upon it. He was cross-examined closely by Mr. Fleming, the purpose being apparently to establish the theory that the death might have occurred from some other cause than the wounds upon the head.

Dr. Hegeman, who assisted Dr. Bell in making the examination, also testified as to the character of the injuries upon the body. He corroborated the statement of Dr. Bell, that death was caused by the wounds upon the head, which produced concussion, followed by cessation of respiration and consequent asphyxia.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hegeman's cross-examination, the Court adjourned for the day. An extra panel of 200 jurors was ordered to be summoned for Wednesday, in readiness for the trial of Jackson, which will be called immediately after that of Javis is concluded.

THE METHODIST PREACHERS.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Methodist preachers, held yesterday, Brother Dean gave an account of the position of Methodism in the South. He laid down the general proposition that the Methodist Episcopal Church could never abandon that portion of the country, and that, in fact, it would be treason to do so. In the old slave territory, he said, the Methodist Episcopal Church had 350,000 members, and of these about 200,000 were colored. They were doing more than all the other Methodist churches together to educate the colored people of the South—he might say four-fold more. Until within the past year the Church owned but two educational institutions, but now they were establishing seminaries all over the Southern country, and were gaining a firm hold on the confidence of the people. The Methodist Episcopal Church in the South did not, he said, include the highest people in the country, although it included many of them; nor did it take in the lowest, although many of them were members of it also. It was made up principally of what he might describe as the sturdy yeomanry of the country. In the matter of liberality the people of this Church were equal to those of any of the other churches, but they were not equal to the people of the North. As to the future of the Church in the South, he reiterated his statement that it would be treason to abandon that portion of the country. They could not leave the colored people in a position in which they would not know what to do. They could not permit them to go over to the Methodism of the South, for there was a difference between the two Methodisms which they could not bridge over. It was not a difference in doctrine nor in Church policy, but the difference lay in the fact that the people were loyal to the Government, a subject on which he did not wish to say anything further. A representative from the Alabama Conference, referring to the distinction between the two Methodisms, stated that it was as great as that which existed between Lazarus and Dives. After some remarks from representatives of other conferences, the meeting adjourned. The monthly prayer-meeting of the society will be held next Monday.

MARRIAGE OF MISS CLARA MORRIS.

The marriage of Miss Clara Morris, the actress, to Mr. Frederick C. Harriott, of this City, took place yesterday morning at the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street. A few minutes before 11 o'clock the carriages containing the bridal party and their immediate friends drove up to the door of the edifice and were ushered into the church parlors, where several relatives of the contracting parties were in waiting. The ceremony, which was performed by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, was of the simplest possible description, all ornament or elaboration being studiously avoided. The bride wore her traveling-dress and was unattended.

Among the guests present were Mrs. Morris, the bride's mother, Mr. Frank Harriott, and other relatives of the wedded pair. Mr. Frederick Harriott, the husband of Miss Morris, is a flour merchant, doing business at No. 34 Charles street. He is a nephew of the late Mayor, and the son of Ex-President Harriott, of the Pacific Fire Insurance Company. In the afternoon the bridal party left for Pittsburg, where Miss Morris has a professional engagement.

LARGE FINES FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday counsel, pursuant to notice, moved for a new trial and in arrest of judgment in the case of John F. Marshall and Charles Brunell, of the Broadway and Fourth Avenue Stage Line, convicted on Wednesday of cruelty to animals. Counsel based the motion for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, and in arrest of judgment it was claimed that the indictment was fatally defective, in that it did not state any specific acts of cruelty, but merely conclusions of law. The motion was opposed by Assistant District Attorney Horace Russell. Judge Sutherland denied the motion, and, after paying Mr. Bergh a high compliment on the meritorious work performed by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, sentenced Brunell to pay a fine of $250, and Marshall a fine of $200, which was immediately paid.

THE BROOKLYN SCANDAL.

Another legal point in connection with the Beecher scandal was settled yesterday. On Friday last, Ex-Judge Morris, counsel for Theodore Tilton, made a motion before Judge Neilson, in the Special Term of the City Court of Brooklyn, to compel the District Attorney to fix a day for the trial of the indictment for libel against Tilton, and asked that Tuesday, Dec. 8, be designated as the day, so that it could be proceeded with in case the civil suit should not be tried. District Attorney Winslow objected to the motion, on the ground of its impropriety, and Judge Neilson took the papers. Yesterday morning his Honor filed an opinion in the office of the City Court, denying the motion, and declining to interfere with the manner in which Mr. Winslow conducts his affairs.

The appeal from the decision of the General Term of the City Court, denying the application of Mr. Beecher's counsel for a bill of particulars in the suit for damages brought against him by Mr. Tilton, will be argued to-day in the Court of Appeals at Albany.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Yesterday, at Jefferson Market Police Court, Justice Flammer held Lizzie Smith and Mary Wilson in $1,000 bail, on a charge of larceny, preferred by George Kedler, of Williamsburg.

A ladies' fair in aid of the Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind at the "Home," No. 219 West Fourteenth street, commences to-day, and will be continued until Thursday evening.

An unknown man, about fifty years old, gray hair, side whiskers, black overcoat, wine-colored undercoat, dark pants, and having an umbrella, was found dead in the excavation, Ninetieth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, yesterday morning.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the one-story frame dwelling m One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, owned and occupied by Charles Williams, took fire from an overheated flue, and was totally destroyed. Loss $100.

Charles Cribbs, aged thirty-four, one of the crew of the United States ship Plymouth, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, while suffering from delirium tremens, attempted to commit suicide by cutting himself across the left wrist with a pen-knife. He was sent to his vessel.

A meeting of the creditors of Philip Rein, the Fifth avenue jeweler, was held yesterday at the office of Isaiah T. Williams, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 4 Warren street. Forty creditors were present, and proved their claims, amounting to $36,500. Matthew V. Cable was elected assignee.

The death from pneumonia of Sanford Richardson, Esq., formerly of Madison County, Ky., occurred at his residence in this City early on the morning of the 28th inst. Mr. Richardson was for many years engaged largely in the cattle trade. He leaves a widow and a numerous circle of friends to deplore his loss. He was in his sixty-fifth year, and had enjoyed good health until a few days previous to his demise.

In the case of the laborer, Lawrence Highland, who, on Sunday, the 22d, was found dying in Forty-second street, near Lexington avenue, from fracture of the skull, Coroner Eickhoff held an inquest yesterday. It was proven that Highland, who was drunk, had fallen down and received the fatal injuries. David O'Brien, Sr. and Jr., who had been arrested on suspicion of having caused Highland's death, were honorably discharged.

Frances Meyer, a young domestic servant, was held in $1,000 bail yesterday by Justice Flammer, at Jefferson Market Police Court, charged with robbing her mistress. She was employed by Mrs. Augusta Wright, of No. 25 Amity street, until Friday last, when she was discharged on suspicion of having stolen some articles. She returned the following day while Mrs. Wright was out, and stole a silk dress valued at $75. When arraigned yesterday in the Police Court she confessed her guilt.

The committee recently appointed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters to proceed to Chicago and examine the condition of that city in regard to fire risks, met the Executive Committee of the National Board yesterday to make their report. The meeting was late in the afternoon, and the entire time was taken up with a preliminary discussion. The consideration of the report was laid over until to-day.

A dispatch was published a few months ago in THE TIMES announcing that Wolff & Levi, of New-Orleans, had brought a suit for $100,000 damages against McKillop, Sprague & Co., commercial agents in this City, on the alleged ground that the agency had spread false reports concerning them. Since then it has been learned that no such suit was ever instituted. Moreover, Mr. Wolff is at present in Lindlow Street Jail on a charge of fraud preferred by some of the creditors of the firm, which has since failed.

At a meeting of the Seamen's Protective Association a report was submitted by the President, Dr. W. F. Thoms, on the influence which advance wages have on the condition of the sailor. In accordance with the recommendations of the report an appeal to merchants and shipowners was adopted. The petition calls their attention to the demoralizing effect of the system of advance wages on the condition of seamen generally, and asks their cooperation in this effort to induce sailors to ship without "advances," which it is asserted can be done by paying them $2 per month additional to the rates now paid.

BROOKLYN.

At the meeting of the Board of City Works yesterday the pay of all the laborers employed at the East New-York engine-houses as ash screeners was reduced from $1 75 to $1 50 per day.

Register Little, of the Department of Arrears, collected, during the week ending Nov. 28, $32,049 06 for arrears of taxes, water rates and assessments, and for the redemption of land sold for unpaid taxes.

At an early hour yesterday morning Mary Maguire, the alleged victim of Ex-Police Officer Burns, was found wandering in Fulton street, and was taken to the Second Precinct Station-house by Sergt. Carrougher, and cared for. She became sick on leaving and was ordered to the City Hospital by Dr. Kissam.

On Saturday last twenty-five of the workmen employed in the Construction Department of the Navy-yard were discharged for a period of three days, in order to equalize the appropriation of the department, which was becoming prematurely exhausted. Another batch were discharged yesterday from this and the Civil Engineer's Department, for the same reason.

Yesterday afternoon while a boy aged twelve years, named Frank Wilson, residing at No. 166 Broadway, Brooklyn, E. D., was riding in one of the South-side Railroad cars he was pushed off by some unknown person. The car ran over both his legs, cutting them nearly off, and breaking his left arm. He was removed to the Eastern District Hospital, where he was attended by Drs. Brady and Hughes.

The Law Committee of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Hanley for the $1,000 reward offered by the board for the arrest and detection of the murderers of Charles Goodrich, yesterday reported in favor of the claim, and ordered the payment thereof by the Controller. An amendment to the resolution calling for a division of the amount with the widow of Detective Videtto was lost after a long discussion.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The village of White Plains, which contains many fine stores and handsome residences, is without an organized fire department.

A mad dog made its appearance at Tuckahoe on Sunday morning, and bit a horse belonging to a Mr. Kent, and six valuable dogs, some of which have been shot and others securely chained to await the result.

The Board of Supervisors of Westchester County have fixed the salary of the District Attorney elect at $4,500, being $500 less than received by his predecessors, in consideration of the reduced amount of business done, in consequence of the annexation of Morrisania, West Farms, and Kingsbridge to the City of New-York.

NEW-JERSEY.

Collector Love, of Jersey City, reports the receipt of $95,013 93 in taxes and assessments last week.

Yesterday morning the residence of Mrs. Garretson, in Newark avenue, Jersey City, was entered by a sneak-thief and robbed of several articles of clothing.

G. A. Wood & Co.'s hardware store in Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, was entered by burglars on Saturday night, and robbed of a quantity of hardware and a small amount of money.

Michael Gilligan, one of the parties concerned in the murder of William Livingston, in Jersey City, on Sunday morning, and who was released on $250 bail by Coroner Lynch, was rearrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Francis and Inspector Murphy on a warrant issued by Police Justice Keese. He was committed without bail.

The Jersey City Presbytery met in Dr. Imbrie's Church yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and after reading the testimony of Dr. French and that given in rebuttal by Mr. Glendenning, counsel proceeded to sum up the case. This will require two days at least, and as each member is expected to explain his vote in the verdict, it will be a week before the decision is given. The sessions will be strictly secret, and when the verdict is rendered a committee will prepare a statement for publication.

[Advertisement.]

Knox's display of Furs embraces the richest of Brown Otter, Alaska, and Shetland Seal Sacques; Russian Sable, American Mink, Otter, Lynx, and Seal Muffs and Boas, children's Sacques and Muffs, and ladies' and gentlemen's Seal Caps and Gloves. Prices moderate, and positive bargains are now obtainable at No. 212 Broadway and at Fifth Avenue Hotel.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steam-ship Celtic, from Liverpool.—George G. Lake, Mrs. George G. Lake and maid, G. S. Lake, Master L. G. Lake, Mrs. G. F. T. Reed, Mrs. L. W. Jackson, Joseph B. Dunn, L. L. Gans, Mrs. B. D. Babcock, Mrs. W. C. Smith, H. M. Edwards, Mrs. H. M. Edwards, Mrs. R. M. Gray, Miss F. M. Gerard, Mrs. George Wigg, Miss F. Wigg, Miss E. Wigg, W. H. Bloodell, A. Vansittart, R. C. W. McCraig, J. S. McGuin, F. Forster, Mrs. F. Forster, S. B. Binney, Mr. Langdon, C. M. Kellock, John C. Wyman, Charles F. Palmer, George Wilkes, J. L. Forster, Mr. Lorkin, Rudolph Schroeder, Alfred Moorhouse, Henri Bordin, C. A. Morris, S. J. Willis, Master Smith, C. Harbers, L. W. Boynton, R. Dunlop, Gordon C. Fowler, John R. Walsh, G. O. Brown, H. Hayden, Mrs. H. Hayden, Rev. John B. Egar, Mrs. John H. Near, E. C. Cowles, Richard Hookham, T. A. Snider, S. Gest, George Arms, Ignatius Rice, Mr. Stone, Mrs. Stone, Joseph Gardner, W. H. Kelly, J. T. Davies, George Gleistein, Henry Salaune, J. H. Buchanan, N. Bosley Merryman, Rev. T. Dietrichson, A. Morales, H. Higgs, C. A. Reed, Alexander Center, R. B. Irwin, Chas. H. Rasewell, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Walton, E. Webb, Thos. Ives, Dr. and Mrs. Newkirk.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....7:05 | Sun sets.....4:34 | Moon rises.12:10

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook..1:55 | Gov. Island..2:44 | Hell Gate....4:06

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....MONDAY, Nov. 30.

CLEARED.

Steam-ships Franconia, Bragg, Portland; Fannie Fenton, Philadelphia; S. F. Phelps, Brown, Philadelphia.

Ships Harkaway, (Br.,) Constant, London, Peabody, Willis & Co.; Carrier Dove, Marryman, San Francisco, Sutton & Co.

Barks Friedrich Harting, (Ger.,) Wallers, Singapore, C. Tobias & Co.; Carl Gustav, (Rus.,) Siefoorst, Liverpool, Tetens & Bockmann; H. Vero, (Ital.,) Martino, Genoa for orders, Stocovich & Co.; Devetri Dubrovachi, (Aust.,) Kusovich, Cork or Falmouth, Stocovich & Co.; Wilhelmine Pust, (Ger.,) Sezer, Newcastle, England, Punch, Edye & Co.; Knight of the Age, (Br.,) Alexander, Dunedin, N. Z., R. W. Cameron & Co.

Brig Guilton, (Br.,) Prive, St. Johns, N. F., R. B. Borland & Co.

Schrs. Addie Ryerson, Cousins, Charleston, Evans, Bail & Co.; Robert Center, Hulse, Bridgeport, Conn., Abiel Abbott & Co.; Lizzie Batchelder, English, Matanzas, Pratt, Son & Co.; Mary A. Witham, Austin, Jaemel for orders, R. Murray, Jr.; E. Benton, (Br.,) Merriam, St. John, N. B., D. R. De Wolfe & Co.; Ida Lewis, Heustis, Galveston; John, Gabriel, Wilmington, N. C.; Lilly Ernesaine, Wells, New-Haven.

ARRIVED.

Steam-ship City of Mexico, Sherwood, New-Orleans Nov. 7, Tampico 12th, Tuspan 13, Vera Cruz 17th, Campeche 19th, Progreso 21st, and Havana 25th, with mdse. and passengers to F. Alexandre & Sons. Experienced heavy head winds and sea from Havana.

Steam-ship C. F. Funch, (Belg.,) Knudsen, Antwerp Nov. 11, with mdse. and 25 passengers to Funch, Edye & Co. Had variable winds up to 19th; then had a heavy gale and a high sea from N. W., lasting about 36 hours. Nov. 15, at 9 P. M., saw a ship's boat drifting alongside; 27th, lat. 41 36, lon. 64 41, passed a steam-ship, showing signals light blue, red blue, steering E.

Steam-ship Acapulco, Gray, Aspinwall Nov. 21, with mdse. and passengers to Pacific Mail Steam-Ship Company; Nov. 22, lat. 11 48, lon. 78 45, spoke steam-ship Henry Chauncey, hence, for Aspinwall; 24th, boarded by boat from Navassa Island; reported all well, and schr. Robert Palmer loading there.

Steam-ship Celtic, (Br.,) Kiddle, Liverpool Nov. 19, via Queenstown 20th, with mdse. and 371 passengers to R. J. Cortis.

Steam-ship Champion, Lockwood, Charleston Nov. 27, with mdse and passengers to James W. Quintard & Co.

Steam-ship Gen. Meade, Sampson, New-Orleans Nov. 21, and S. W. Pass 22d, with mdse. and passengers to F. Baker.

Steam-ship City of Waco, Greenman, Galveston, Nov. 21, via Key West 25th with mdse. and passengers to C. H. Mallory & Co.

Steam-ship North Point, Foley, Philadelphia, with mdse. and passengers to Lorillard Steam-ship Co.

Ship Rosa Boulenr, (of St. John, N. B.,) Baker, from Leghorn, which arrived 29th, and anchored on the Bar, reports: Had light winds and calms down the Mediterranean; passed Gibraltar Oct. 10; Nov. 23, lat. 33 18, lon. 60 15, encountered a heavy gale from S. W. at 8 P. M., then suddenly shifted to N. W., with furious squalls, with heavy rain, thunder, and lightning.

Bark Laila W., (of Granville, N. S.,) McNeil, Waterford, Ireland, 56 ds., in ballast to Henry & Parker. Is anchored at Sandy Hook for orders.

Bark Frances, Bourneauf, (of Parmouth, N. S.,) Weston, Warrenpoint, Ireland, 51 ds., in ballast to Boyd & Hincken. Is anchored on the bar for orders.

Bark Laura and Gertrude, (Ger.,) Schutte, Hamburg, 69 ds., with empty barrels to J. A. Pauli. Had strong W. and N. W. g les most of the passage.

Bark Empress, (Ger.,) Antwerp 49 ds., with mdse. to Funch, Edye & Co. Took the Southern passage, and had vs iable weather; has been 8 ds. north of Bermuda.

Brig Mattie B. Russell, (of Portland,) York, East Harbor, T. I., 13 ds., with salt to Dovale & Co.—vessel to Marcus Hunter & Co.

Brig Sarah B., (of Halifax,) Townsend, Leghorn Sept. 20, Gibraltar Oct. 13, with mdse. to order—vessel to C. B. Swain & Son. Oct. 31, lat. 23 40, lon. 35 03, spoke bark Island Belle, (of Bridgeport, C. S.,) from Batavia, for Plymouth, Eng., 92 ds. out, short of provisions, and supplied her.

Brig Leopoldine, (Ger.,) Haesloop, Rio Janeiro, via Hampton Roads, 61 ds., with coffee to G. Amsinck & Co.—vessel to master.

Brig Excelsior, Mayor, of and 9 ds. from Bermuda, in ballast to Duncan McColl.

Schr. John Rose, (of Brookhaven,) Howell, Pernambuco 26 ds., with sugar to H. H. Swift & Co.—vessel to A. Abbot. Had fine weather.

Schr. Maggie Dalling, (of Portland,) Dalling, Shuldsborough, Miss., 18 ds., with yellow pine to order.—vessel to Charles Hatch.

Schr. Henry Middleton, Brower, St. Marc 12 ds., with logwood to E. Murray, Jr.—vessel to Isaac E. Staples.

Schr. Armida Hall, Hall, Pensacola 18 ds., with lumber to Bushnell & Co.—vessel to S. C. Loud & Co.

Schr. S. F. Bird, Hall, Pensacola 18 ds., with lumber to order.—vessel to S. C. Loud & Co.

Schr. Annie A. Booth, Bayles, Jacksonville 8 ds., with yellow pine to order—vessel to Van Brunt & Bro. The A. A. B. is bound to Fall River.

Schr. O. Curtis, Curtis, Virginia, with wood to H. P. Havens.

Scor. Vesta, (Br.,) Johnson, Glouchester, N. S., 10 ds., with stone to Sherwood & Co.—vessel to P. L. Nevius & Son.

Schr. Alice S. Clark, St. John, N. B., with lumber to master.

Schr. Emma F. Lewis, Todd, Provincetown, for Virginia.

Schr. Lizzie W. Hannum, Mott, Provincetown, for Virginia.

Schr. Emma A. Predmore, Hart, Providence.

Schr. E. L. Smith, Smith, Boston.

Schr. Anna S. Brown, Crowell, Boston.

Schr. Niantic, Morris, Taunton.

Schr. Mary Ellen, Golden, Providence, for Virginia.

Sld. steam-ship Richmond, for Norfolk; bark Krey Woggersen, for Gloucester; brigs Myrtle, for St. Johns, N. F.; Thetis, for Curacoa.

Sunset—WIND moderate, N. W.; clear.

BY TELEGRAPH.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 30.—Schr. James Bradley, from Richmond to Philadelphia, with a cargo of stone, sunk in the lower part of Chesapeake Bay on Sunday. The crew were saved.

Arr. steam-ship Wilmington, from Havana; reports second officer and one seaman drowned on the passage.

Schr. Fannie B. Williams, from New-York; ship Benjamin Sewall, from Portland; schr. J. W. Hine, from New-York.

Below, brigs John Boyd, from St. Thomas; Mississippi, from Demerara; Laura, (Br.,) from Rio Janeiro.

Cld. 28th, schr. Clara E. Simpson, for Boston; 30th, bark Kava, for Cork; steam-ship Wm. Kennedy, for Providence.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 30.—Arr. schrs. J. M. Fitzpatrick, Philadelphia, and Ella Hodgdon, Port Johnson.

Cld. brig Annie Marie, for London; schr. D. S. Siner, for Wilmington, Del.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Nov. 30.—Cld. 29th, bark Masonic, for Rio Janeiro, and brig Joseph Clarke, for New-York.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Nov. 30.—Arr. brig Matilda Coombs, Port Johnson, for Salem.

MOBILE, Nov. 30.—Arr. schr. John Douglass, from Cardenas.

MYSTIC, Nov. 29.—Arr. schr. Postboy, New-York.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—Arr. steam-ships Rattlesnake and Centipede, Boston; bark Titania, Pernambuco; schr. Timothy Field, St. John, N. B.; brig Alice Lea, Savannah; schrs. Agnes R. Bacon, Salem; James P. Hewitt, Round Pond; Rosina, Calais; B. J. Willard, Portland; steamer Roman, Boston.

Cld. schrs. Mary Means, Emily, Jennie, and R. M. Smith, Boston; C. W. May, Chelsea; brig Lewis Clark, Bangor; schrs. Maggie Cain, Boston; Westmoreland, Providence; ship Island, (Ger.,) Asthus, Norway; schr. Sallie Mair, Boston; bark Souvenir, Cork; schrs. E. M. Sawyer, Cardenas; Ramon De Ajuria, Havana; Lucy, Boston; Westmoreland, Providence. The steamer Northpoint, hence, for New-York, went on the flats below Newcastle Saturday, and got off Sunday afternoon.

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—Cld. schr. H. E. Sampson, for Baltimore.

Arr. 28th, P. M., bark Fred Eugene, (new,) Portland, to load for Cuba; schr. Union, New-York. Arr. 29th, schrs. Seguin, Philadelphia; Alligator, South Amboy; P. Nelson, New-York; Veto, Rondout; Moreight, New-York, for Calais. Arr. 30th, schr. Kate McKenzie, Ponce, P. R.

Arr. bark Reindeer, (Br.,) from Dundee; steam-ship George Cromwell, from New-York.

Outside, bark David Chapman, Liverpool.

Cld. brig Hattie M. Bain, for Cardenas; bark J. H. Chadwick, for Matanzas; schr. Ella L. Trefethen, for Jamaica; steamer Eleanora, for New-York.

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 28.—Sld. schrs. Jeddo, (Br.,) for St. John, N. B.; Silver Dart, for Virginia; Daniel S. Marshon, Philadelphia; George Gurney and Horizon, Rondout; Harry May, Silas Wright, David G. Floyd, Hannah Blackman, Kate and Luella, B. D. Pitts, Forest City, J. B. Youmans, and S. M. Tyler, for New-York.

Sld., 29th, schrs. Alice Borda, for Philadelphia; Fashion, for Elizabethsport; Wm. D. Cargill and Imogene Diverty, for New-York.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Nov. 30.—Arr. 29th, schr. Frank Walter, from New-York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—Arr. 28th, bark Loch Urr, (Br.,) from Auckland. 29th, ship St. Lawrence, (Br.,) Littleton.

NEWCASTLE, Del., Nov. 30—Noon.—Passed down, schrs. B. H. Jones, for Providence; H. G. Russell, for Pawtucket. The steamer Roman, from Boston, is below coming up.

The steamer North Point, from New-York, which ran ashore Saturday night on the flats below Reedy Island, came off yesterday and passed up. A herm brig passed up in tow yesterday.

Passed up, steam-ships Roman, Boston; Hunter, Providence; John W. Everman, Richmond; schr. Mattie E. Hiles, Suffolk, Va.; steamer Williamsport, New-York; foretopmast gone, the vessel having apparently been in collision.

Passed down, bark Samuel Shepherd, Cienfuegos; schrs. L. Q. C. Wishart, Boston; Mary E. Staple, Portland.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Nov. 28.—Arr. brig

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—NOV. 30.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

$5,000 N. West con. conp. gold bs.. 85⅛
800 West. Union..... 81
100 do..... 81⅛
500 do.....s3. 81⅛
700 do.....b3. 81¼
1700 do..... 81¼
1400 Pacific Mail..... 44⅜
300 do.....s3. 44⅜
300 do.....b3. 44⅜
200 do..... 44⅝
900 do..... 44⅞
300 do..... 45
100 do..... 45⅛
2100 do..... 45
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200 do.....s3. 45⅛
100 Erie Railway..... 25⅝
700 do..... 26⅞
600 do..... 27
100 do.....b3. 27⅛
200 do..... 27⅜
600 do..... 27⅝
800 do..... 27½
200 P. M. S.....b. c. 45
1600 do.....s3. 44⅞
2100 do..... 44⅞
900 do..... 44⅜
5000 do..... 44½
1000 do..... 44⅝
600 do..... 44⅞
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100 do.....s15. 44⅞
900 do..... 44⅞
200 do.....s3. 45
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100 do.....b3. 27
300 do..... 27⅜
200 do..... 27½
100 do..... 27⅝
200 do.....b3. 27⅞
100 do..... 28
50,000 Del. & H. Reg. '91.....b. c. 107
300 Con. Cl. Md..b. c. 47⅜
1000 do.....b3. 47⅝
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700 do..... 81⅝
200 do.....b3. 81⅝
100 do.....s3. 81⅝
100 North-western..... 45
200 do..... 45⅛
600 do..... 45¼
700 do..... 45⅜
1700 do..... 45⅝
1900 do..... 45¾
300 do..... 45⅞
200 Union Pac..b. c. 35⅜
600 do.....s3. 35⅝
700 do..... 35¾
2500 do..... 35⅞
200 do.....s10. 35⅝
300 do..... 35⅞
900 Del., L. & W..... 109¼

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100 do..... 101⅞
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6,000 Mich. So. 2d.. 99⅞
1,000 do. 2d, C. Op. 92
4,500 N. Y. C. 6s, '83. 97⅜
1,000 Mar. & Chi. 1st. 103½
1,000 Mich. C. 7s. b. c. 100
1,000 Mich. Mins. Con. S. F.. c. 97⅜
5,000 Ohio & Miss. 2d. 80⅝
10,000 do..... 80¼
5,000 Har. 1st. & 7. 108
1,000 West. Pac. bds. 86
3,000 Un. Pac. 1st.. 92⅜
11,000 do.....s3. 46⅝
3,000 U. P. 7s, L. G. 88¼
16,000 Pac. of Mo. 1st. 86⅜
35,000 do.....b. c. 86½
1,000 St. L. & I. M. 1st. 91½
1,000 do..... 91¾
4,000 Tol. & W. 1st. pf. L. Div.. 75
6,000 W. U. Tel. 7s. 99¾
8,000 Canada So. 1st. 64½
38 Fourth Nat. Bk.. 98
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10,000 N. Y. C. 1st. coup..... 100
1,000 T. & P. C. 1st. 74
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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, (Monday, Nov. 30,) William Kennelly, under two Supreme Court foreclosure decrees, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, effected the following sales: Premises on Broome street, south-east corner of Mangin street, comprising 4 lots 25.9 by 75, with a three-story brick house in front and a two-story frame house in rear; sold for $7,325 to Henry Silverhorn, plaintiff in foreclosure suit. One two-story frame house and lot, 20.2 by 93.9 by 18.3 by —, on West Twenty-sixth street, south side, 500 feet west of Sixth avenue; sold for $6,650 to Patrick Cheevers. The sale by the same auctioneer of property on Fordham avenue, Morris-Twenty-third Ward, was adjourned to the 21st inst., and the sale by D. M. Seaman of the lease of the Metropolitan Theatre was postponed to the 7th inst. No other business was transacted.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

To-day's sales, as noticed, are as follows:

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Francis C. Barlow, Esq., Referee, of the premises No. 41 Park street, south side, between Pearl and Duane streets, embracing a lot 25 by 96.9 by 25 by 97.9, with a three-story brick building 25 by 35 upon the front thereof, and a similar building 25 by 27 in rear. Also, executor's sale of four lots, together forming a plot in size 100.11 by 95, on First avenue, (Eastern Boulevard,) south-east corner of One Hundred and Ninth street.

By Joseph McGuire, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Abel Crook, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 16.9 by 100, on Second avenue, east side, 75.4 feet south of Forty-ninth street. Also, partition sale, by order of the heirs of John Gaughan, deceased, of two lots, each 25 by 100.5, on West Forty-ninth street, north side, 150 feet west of Eleventh avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, T. R. Landon, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lease of lot 33.4 by 100, on West Broadway, east side, 50 feet south of White street, and a house, with lease of lot 50 by 50, on White street, south side, 50 feet east of West Broadway. Lease dated May 1, 1857; term, twenty-one years.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, M. V. McDaniel, Esq., Referee, of a house, with plot 16½ by about 100, on Madison avenue, north-west corner of Fitch street, Tremont, Twenty-fourth Ward.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

For the week ending with Saturday, Nov. 28, plans for new buildings have been submitted, and unsafe buildings reported, at the Department, No. 2 Fourth avenue, W. W. Adams, Superintendent, as follows:

NEW BUILDINGS.

Second avenue, north side, 220 feet east of Third street, (Woodlawn Heights,) one frame dwelling, two stories, 29 by 18; Yates Ferguson, owner.

Fourth avenue, north side, 220 feet west of Second street, (Woodlawn Heights,) one frame dwelling, two stories, 29 by 28; Albert Singer, owner.

West Seventy-second street, north side, and Seventy-third street, south side, between Boulevard and Eleventh avenue, one brick club stable, carriage-house, and dwelling, two stories, 50 by 75 by 20½; Theodore A. Havemeyer, owner.

East One Hundred and Thirteenth street, No. 114, one brick second-class dwelling, three stories, 16.8 by 140; James H. Groves, owner.

Third avenue, east side, 100 feet south of One Hundred and Ninety-ninth street, one brick third-class store, one story, 42 by 75; John Halleran, owner.

Third street, No. 244, (rear,) one brick tenement, five stories, 24.9 by 128; Joseph Scheuer, owner.

East Sixty-second street, north side, 200 feet west of Second avenue, four brown-stone first-class dwellings, each four stories, 16.8 by 55; C. M. W. Masche, owner.

Third street, west side, 375 feet west of One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, (Morrisania,) one frame dwelling, three stories, 32 by 50; Jacob Dopp, owner.

Boston avenue, west side, 250 feet south of Jefferson street, (Morrisania,) one frame store and dwelling; John Mulrey, owner.

Willis avenue, west side, 50 feet south of One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, (North New-York,) two brick stores and second-class dwellings, each two stories, 18.6 by 46; A. J. Bosselt, owner.

Total estimated cost of the thirteen buildings above enumerated, $95,500.

Unsafe Buildings.

Washington street, No. 331, unsafe parapet wall, chimneys, and third-story floor; Stephen Wray, owner.

Washington street, No. 327, unsafe front wooden cornice; John O. Moore, owner.

Washington street, No. 272, unsafe front piers, lintels, and wall, also floor beams of first story, also ceilings and banisters; John Sheehan, owner.

West Fourth street, No. 96, chimneys above roof unsafe; James Harrington, owner.

Barrow street, No. 13, rear, unsafe front brick wall; Emanuel Saloman, owner.

James slip, No. 17, unsafe front wall and lintels; H. S. Ely, agent.

Third avenue, east side, from Sixth to Seventh street, unsafe loose tin roof covering, (Tompkins Market;) Corporation City of New-York, owners.

Eighth avenue, south-east corner of Twenty-first street, unsafe front wall; Mrs. Farrington, owner.

Prince street, No. 102, unsafe rear wall, arches, piers, and floors; W. & J. Jarvis, agent.

Hudson street, No. 112, unsafe rear piazza and stoop; John A. Deratsmes, owner.

Washington street, No. 251, unsafe west gable wall from excavating; J. Matthewson & Son, agents.

East Fourth street, No. 55, unsafe rear chimney above the roof; Nicholls & Cafferty, agents.

EXCHANGE SALES—MONDAY, NOV. 30.

NEW-YORK.

By William Kennelly.

Q three-story brick house, (front,) 1 two-story frame and lot, Broome st., s. e. corner of Mangin st., lot 25.9x75 ..... $7,325

2 two-story frame house and lot, West 26th st., s. s., 500 ft. w. of 6th av., lot 20.2x98.9x irregular 6,050

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Saturday, Nov. 28.

Bartlet st., Nos. 35 and 35½, and 37 and 37½, and 39 and 39½, e. s., 84.10 ft. n. of Park st., 115.8x101.6; Isidor Falk to James Cassin.....

Madison st., s. s., 224 ft. e. of Catharine st., 25 x 100; Julia F. Gillespie to William Gillespie.. $500

Madison st., No. 99, 25x100, partition; J. S. Lawrence, Referee, to A. Martin..... 13,725

1st st., z. s., extending from Avenue A to Berkman, 200.9x75. West Farms, foreclosure; William Sinclair, Referee, to Charles A. Berrian..... 1,900

125th st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of 1st av., 25x94.10; Peter Koch to John Schugg..... 20,800

27th st., s. s., 440 ft. w. of 6th av., 20x98.9; John O. Sodies to David Thompson.....

33d st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 6th av., 25x98.9

33d st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 6th av., 50x98.9; Jane Ayerigg to E. S. Ayerigg..... nom.

53d st., s. s., 54 ft. e. of 1st av., 20x85; Foreclosure; T. Boese, Referee, to Mary L. Goldstein..... 500

53d st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 10th av., 25x100.5; E. Adams to Anna Mary, wife of Charles Schuls..... nom.

87th st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 1st av., 6x100.8; Joseph Hillenbrand to the College of St. Francis Xavier..... nom.

113th st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 2d av., 25x35.7; J. Harmon to T. McGuire..... nom.

123d st., n. s., 240 ft. e. of 4th av., 25x100.11; J. Middleton to C. Tingeser.....

123d st., s. s., 300 ft. w. of 6th av., 16.8x100.11; Abraham Slater, Jr., to Louisa Farrington.....

143d st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of 8th av., 25x99.11; A. Lutz to C. Shaub.....

Avenue D., e. s., 48 ft. n. of 4th st., 48x100; P. Stern to J. Stern.....

2d av., e. s., 80.11½ n. of 124th st.; 20x80; Peter Koch to John Schugg.....

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

LOTS FOR SALE ON 5TH AV., 38X100, BEtween 42d and 52d sts.; also corner, lots 25x100, between 42d and 52d sts.; lot on Madison av., 34x100, Murray Hill, with $25,000 builders' loan if wanted; lot on 70th st., close to 5th av., 20x100, having light and air; lots on 71st st., between 9th and 10th sts., 100x100, on easy terms. J. S. MATHEWS, No. 240 Broadway.

WANTED—ON LEASE, AND WILL PURCHASE IF found satisfactory, a first-class dwelling, between 34th and 59th sts., and 4th and 6th avs.; if unfurnished, will buy most of the furniture if desired. Address with full particulars, HOUSE, care of C. H. MCDAY, No. 542 Washington st., New-York.

EIGHTH AV., NOS. 614, 675, 746, 781 AND 1259. Some decided bargains.

V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 11 Pine st. or No. 31 East 17th st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

A FINE VILLA RESIDENCE, 22X60, WITH ground 35x133, very near Prospect Park, will be sold at a low figure, or exchanged for vacant lots free, or a country seat at Englewood lightly encumbered. J. N. WYCKOFF & CO., No. 21 Park row, New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY.—A BLOCK OF ground for sale in Jersey City, foot of Morgan st., and between Jersey City and Bergen Heights; said property consists of over 24 lots, adjoining a public dock, with 20 feet of water, and is desirable for any business requiring much cartage. Inquire of S. BURKHALTER, Nos. 188 and 190 Chambers st., New-York.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone sts.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

EDWARD A. LAWRENCE, Auctioneer.

BY E. A. LAWRENCE & CO.

IMPORTANT SALE OF REAL ESTATE,

By order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure,

E. D. GALE, Esq., Referee.

BOOTH'S THEATRE

will be sold positively at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, at 12 o'clock,

ON THURSDAY, DEC. 3, 1874.

The property is located on the south-east corner of 6th av. and 23d st.; size, 79 feet 9 inches on the avenue; 184 feet on 23d st.

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DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—FULLY FURNISHED, COMPLETE, SPACIous residence of Fanning C. Tucker, on Sandford av., Flushing. In perfect order; water, gas, furnace; beautiful grounds highly improved; coach-house, large garden; near both depots; location unsurpassed. JAMES B. PARSONS, No. 34 Pine st.

FURNISHED HOUSES ON AND ADJOINING 5th, Madison, and Park avs., Murray Hill, &c., at reduced rentals. V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 31 East 17th st., or No. 11 Pine st.

TWENTY-ONE MOST DESIRABLE PRIvate residences, belonging to the North American Life Insurance Company, rent per annum from $500 to $6,000, to lease for a term of years.

K. P. PAGE, No. 38 Park row, Manager.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

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Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

LOFTS ON BROADWAY.—FIRST, SECOND, third, fourth, and fifth lofts to let from Jan. 1, 1875; 50x200 feet; between Howard and Grand sts. Apply to EDWARD MATTHEWS, No. 4 Broad st.

TO LET—WITH OR WITHOUT STEAM POWER, Nos. 188 and 190 West Houston st., five stories and cellar, 50x90. Inquire on premises.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY FURnished house, in a good neighborhood, below 40th st., on west side, between 5th and 7th avs. Rent not over $325 per month.

J. ROMAINE BROWN, No. 1,280 Broadway.

PROPOSALS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the School Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until MONDAY, the 14th day of December, 1874, and until 9:30 o'clock A. M. on said day, for the materials and work for a new school building, to be erected on the north side of West 54th st., between 6th and 7th avs.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason-work," "Proposal for Carpenter-work," "Proposal for Painting."

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from each successful bidder. Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

JOEL W. MASON,
JOHN MORGAN,
JAS. R. OWING,
ADNA H. UNDERHILL,
WALTER CARTER,
Board of School Trustees Twenty-second Ward.

Dated New York, Nov. 25, 1874.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Sealed proposals will be received by the School Trustees of the Twenty-fourth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Thursday, Dec. 10, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, for Additions and Alterations to Grammar School Building No. 56, situated near King's Bridge.

Sealed Proposals will also be received, at the same time and place, for the Desks, Seats, &c., required for said school.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the school, and at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

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MORRIS WILKINS,
GEO. H. MOLLER,
FERDINAND MEYER,
FRANKLIN EDSON,
D. M. SEAMAN, JR.,
Board of School Trustees, Twenty-fourth Ward.

L. D. KIERNAN, Clerk.

Dated NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1874.

THREE PAVILIONS ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Department of Public Charities and Correct on, until 10 o'clock A. M. Dec. 2, 1874, for Three Pavilions on Blackwell's Island.

For particulars see *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

CARTS AND CART HARNESS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Police Department until 10 o'clock A. M., Dec. 3, 1874, for thirty Carts and thirty sets Cart Harness.

For particulars see the *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

STRAW, TOBACCO, MEAL, RICE.—PROPOSals will be received by the Department of Public Charities and Correction, until Dec. 2, for above. See *City Record*.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE Petition of the MARINERS' FAMILY INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY of the port of New-York to change its corporate name.—At a special term of the Supreme Court, held at the new Court-house, New-York City, on the 16th day of November, 1874.—Present, Hon. Charles Donohue, Justice.—It appearing to the court by a petition duly verified that the corporation now known as the Mariners' Family Industrial Society of the port of New-York desires to change its name to the Mariners' Family Asylum, and it appearing that a notice of the application for such change to this court has been duly published in the newspapers required by law, and no reasonable objection appearing to such change of the corporate name by the said corporation.—Now, on motion of Jas. Brown, Esq., counsel for said corporation, it is hereby ordered that from and after the 1st day of January, 1875, the corporation now known as "The Mariners' Family Industrial Society of the Port of New-York" shall be authorized to assume and be known by the name of "The Mariners' Family Asylum." It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four weeks in *The New-York Times*, and the Richmond County *Gazette*. CHARLES P. DONOHUE, Judge Supreme Court.

BOYCE & GOFF, Attorneys for Petitioners.

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SUPREME COURT.—CITY AND COUNTY OF New-York.—VICTOR FAUCHS, plaintiff, vs. RUNYON W. MARTIN, JOHN DE RUTTER, defendants.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendant, Runyon W. Martin: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed on the 19th day of September, 1874, in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the new Court-house, New-York City, State of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, number 54 Wall street, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated September 19, 1874.

ANDERSON & MAN, Plaintiff's Attorneys,
o20-law6wTu* No. 54 Wall street, New-York.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF New-York.—EDWIN C. BALDWIN plaintiff vs. EDWARD HOBDAY defendant.—Summons, for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, in the City Hall in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office, No. 291 Broadway, in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated New-York, Oct. 26, 1874.

BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

The complaint in the above action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, on the 26th day of October, 1874.

BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ALBERT DUNKELL, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an order of this court, made and entered herein on the 31st day of October, 1874, I will sell at Public Auction, by S. Dungee, auctioneer, at the Exchange Sales-rooms, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 9th day of December, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, as uncollectable assets, the following claims, being debts due the estate of said bankrupt from the persons named respectively: John P. Lloyd, sixty-three dollars ($63;) Herman Elstroth, thirty-seven 45-100 dollars ($37 45;) T. C. Hobden, fifty-five dollars ($55;) New-Jersey Southern Railroad Company, five hundred and forty-eight 45-100 dollars ($548 45;) James Harriott, thirty-seven 32-100 dollars ($37 32;) T. C. Clark, twenty-three 20-100 dollars ($23 20;) N. B. Carpenter, or A. B. Carpenter, one hundred and twenty-four 17-100 dollars ($124 17;) J. L. Smith, one hundred and fifty-six 7-100 dollars (156 07;) Clark, one hundred and nine 42-100 dollars ($109 42;) Lemuel Parks, ninety-three dollars, ($93;) Mrs. McGlashen, twenty-one dollars ($21;) C. B. Orris, thirty-eight 88-100 dollars ($38 88.)—Dated New-York, Nov. 17, 1874. JOHN H. PLATT, Assignee.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—DISTRICT OF NEW-JERSEY, ss.—At Newark, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1874.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of CHARLES D. KENT, of the County of Essex and State of New-Jersey, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon creditors' petition by the District Court of said district.

E. N. MILLER, Assignee, &c.,
D1-law3wTu* No. 782 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SHELTER FOR RESPECTABLE Women, No. 332 6th av., since its opening, three years ago, has received and provided with situations over 1,300 worthy but homeless women. Last Winter many more applied than could be admitted, and of those who received a temporary shelter, a number were of a most respectable character—wives of clerks and tradesmen out of work. This Winter the House will be not less a necessity, and an earnest appeal for aid is made to all who feel for the sufferings and dangers of the large class for whom the shelter is designed.

Since Oct. 1 the following contributions have been received, and are thankfully acknowledged: Mrs. J. J. Astor, $50; Mrs. Lightbody, $20; Mrs. Mottet, $5; Miss Anna Birdsall, $5; Mr. H. L. Roosevelt, $20; Mr. C. Roosevelt, $20; Mr. W. C. Rhinelander, $100; Mr. E. Minturn, $100; Mrs. S. J. Zabriskie, $300; Mrs. Spencer, $100; Mrs. Muller, $150; Mr. McMullen, $5.

Contributions may be sent to Charles Spear, Esq., No. 157 Cedar st., or Rev. Dr. Lawrence, No. 49 West 20th st.

TAMAR INDIEN, (UNIVERSALLY PRESCRIBED by the Faculty,) a laxative, refreshing, and medicated fruit lozenge; the immediate relief and effectual cure of constipation, sick headache, biliousness, &c. TAMAR (Still Its cold and the usual counterfeits) is sold in boxes by all druggists. Depot, 351 Canal st., New-York.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

LOTS FOR SALE ON 5TH AV., 38X100, BEtween 42d and 52d sts.; also corner, lots 25x100, between 42d and 52d sts.; lot on Madison av., 34x100, Murray Hill, with $25,000 builders' loan if wanted; lot on 70th st., close to 5th av., 20x100, having light and air; lots on 71st st., between 9th and 10th sts., 100x100, on easy terms. J. S. MATHEWS, No. 240 Broadway.

WANTED—ON LEASE, AND WILL PURCHASE IF found satisfactory, a first-class dwelling, between 34th and 59th sts., and 4th and 6th avs.; if unfurnished, will buy most of the furniture if desired. Address with full particulars, HOUSE, care of C. H. MCDAY, No. 542 Washington st., New-York.

EIGHTH AV., NOS. 614, 675, 746, 781 AND 1259. Some decided bargains.

V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 11 Pine st. or No. 31 East 17th st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

A FINE VILLA RESIDENCE, 22X60, WITH ground 35x133, very near Prospect Park, will be sold at a low figure, or exchanged for vacant lots free, or a country seat at Englewood lightly encumbered. J. N. WYCKOFF & CO., No. 21 Park row, New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY.—A BLOCK OF ground for sale in Jersey City, foot of Morgan st., and between Jersey City and Bergen Heights; said property consists of over 24 lots, adjoining a public dock, with 20 feet of water, and is desirable for any business requiring much cartage. Inquire of S. BURKHALTER, Nos. 188 and 190 Chambers st., New-York.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone sts.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

EDWARD A. LAWRENCE, Auctioneer.

BY E. A. LAWRENCE & CO.

IMPORTANT SALE OF REAL ESTATE,

By order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure,

E. D. GALE, Esq., Referee.

BOOTH'S THEATRE

will be sold positively at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, at 12 o'clock,

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NO. 24 NASSAU ST.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1875.

The transfer books will be closed on the 5th inst. and reopen Jan. 7, prox.

GEORGE A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 66 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 10, 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company will be held at their office on MONDAY, Dec. 7, 1874, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books will be closed until after that date. THEODORE KEELER, Secretary.

DEFAULTED RAILROAD BONDS BOUGHT by the old established house of

ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO.,
Stock Brokers and Auctioneers,
No. 43 Pine st., New-York.

N. B.—Choice 7, 8 and 10 per cent. Municipal Bonds, also other All Investment Securities, paying 10 to 12 per cent., for sale by us.

CITY, COUNTY, STATE, TOWN, AND RAILroad Bonds, City Railroad, Gas, Bank, and Insurance Stocks and Scrips. Whether you wish to buy or sell, write or apply to ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO.,
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N. B.—The above securities our specialty 22 years.

SAFEGUARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 152 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 23, 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THIRTY DIRECtors for the ensuing year, and for the usual meeting election, will be held at this office on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9, 1874, the poll being open from 12 to 1 o'clock.

JAMES TERRANCE, Secretary.

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 16, 1874.

ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 12 next, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

E. WILSON, Cashier.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.—THE past due coupons of the consolidated bonds bought outright at best market rate, or two-thirds cash and one-third interest certificates given by JOHN B. MANNING, No. 78 Broadway, and No. 7 New st.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS WANTED BY C. S. BAILEY, No. 65 Wall st.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS BOUGHT AND sold by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine st.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE SPRING MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY,
No. 111 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 16, 1874.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FOUR per Cent., (4 per cent.,) also an extra dividend of One per Cent., (1 per cent.,) in all Five per Cent., (5 per cent.,) will be paid on the 10th day of December next to all stockholders of record on that date.

The transfer books will be closed from the 30th day of November to the 10th day of December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

W. H. WOOD, JR., Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BUFFALO, NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY, BUFFALO, Nov. 27, 1874.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—THE COUpons for interest due Dec. 1, 1874, on the first mortgage bonds of this company, will be paid by the Erie Railway Company, at their office, on and after that date. As counterfeit bonds of this issue, to a large amount, are in existence, holders are advised to present their bonds for verification, with the coupons, to avoid delay in payment.

WM. F. MILLER, Secretary.

COUPONS DUE DEC. 1, FROM BONDS OF THE ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY, (ARKANSAS BRANCH,) and CAIRO, ARKANSAS AND TEXAS RAILROAD COMPANY will be paid IN GOLD on and after that day, at the agency of ST. LOUIS, IRON MOUNTAIN AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 120 Broadway.

D. W. MCWILLIAMS, Treasurer.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

NOTICE.

Mr. THEO. B. TAYLOR retires this day from our firm.

W. B. TAYLOR & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1874.

THEO. B. TAYLOR will continue the brokerage business in "Commercial Paper" on his own account at No. 96 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1874.

NEW-YORK, No. 67 Exchange place, Dec. 1, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership under the firm name of DAVIS & CAMPBELL, for the purpose of buying and selling stocks, bonds, and Government securities on commission.

JOSHUA W. DAVIS,
HENRY G. CAMPBELL.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 28, 1874.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISting between CHAUNCEY C. WARD and DAVID CLOSK has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be hereafter conducted by the undersigned, who will liquidate all outstanding liabilities, and who alone has power to sign in liquidation.

DAVID A. CLOSK,
No. 115 Chambers st., New-York.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of BLOCK & LEO is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

E. M. BLOCK,
New-York, Nov. 30, 1874. ARNOLD LEO.

DANCING.

A. DODWORTH'S
PRIVATE CLASSES FOR DANCING,
No. 212 5th av., corner 26th st.

Open for the season. Morning and afternoon classes for ladies and children; evening classes for gentlemen. Send for a circular.

MR. DE GARMO,
TEACHER OF DANCING,
NO. 82 5TH AV.,
CORNER 14TH ST.

C. H. RIVERS' BROOKLYN DANCING Academy, No. 176 State st.—Classes for beginners are now forming. All the fashionable dances are taught in one quarter. Send for a circular. Inclose 25 cents for a "Dancer's Assistant."

ELECTIONS.

AN ELECTION FOR FIVE TRUSTEES OF the Green-Wood Cemetery will be held at the office of the Company, No. 86 Broadway, New-York, on MONDAY, the 7th day of December next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE
AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York from foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 5 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.

For Williamsport and Lock Haven, (via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division, connecting at Philadelphia,) 9:30 A. M. For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, 8:30 P. M., connecting at Corry for Titusville, Petroleum Centre, and the Oil Regions.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, "Limited Washington Express" of Pullman Parlor Cars daily, except Sunday, 9:30 A. M.; arrive Washington 4:10 P. M. Regular at 8:40 A. M.; 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 7, 8:40, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 4:10, 4:50, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M. and 12 night. Sunday, 4:50, 5, 7, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 7, and 9:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 8:10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 9:15, 10:30, 11:15, 12 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:50, and 6 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 7 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 7 P. M.

For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3 and 5:20 P. M.

For Kingston and Rocky Hill, 8:40 A. M. and 4:10 P. M.

For Princeton, 7, 8:40 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4:10 and 7 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Trenton, Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4, 5, and 7 P. M.

For Freehold, 7 A. M., 2 and 4:10 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Hightstown, Pemberton, and Camden, via Perth Amboy, 2:30 P. M.

For Hightstown and Pemberton, 6 A. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:55 and 11:20 A. M. and 10:35 P. M., daily; 10:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M., daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:20 A. M., 4:15, 5:15, and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:20 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5,10, 6:20, 6:55, 10:15, 11:20, 11:54 A. M., 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:35, 7:40, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 11:54 A. M., 7:40 and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket Offices, Nos. 526 and 944 Broadway No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts.; No. 4 Court st., Brooklyn; Nos. 114, 116, and 118 Hudson st., Hoboken. Emigrant Ticket Office, No. 8 Battery place.

FRANK THOMSON, D. M. BOYD, JR.,
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